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Back in 1970, singer Joni Mitchell's song entitled "Big Yellow Taxi" became famous and included the line:

*Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got  
Till it's gone  
They paved paradise  
And put up a parking lot.*

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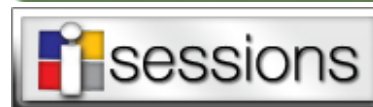
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