Numbers *Evan Osenton*

People protesting Calgary's World Petroleum Congress: 1,000 (June 11, 2000);
the 2002 G8 summit: 3,000 (June 23, 2002); the war in Iraq (Edmonton): 18,000 (March 22, 2003)
People rallying in support of the war, Picture Butte, 2003: 250

Hours per day the average car sits unused: 23
Hours the average Canadian spends driving every year: 292
Estimated yearly cost to own and operate a new $16,000 vehicle in Alberta: $6,225
Estimated cost for 500 hours in an Edmonton Carsharing Cooperative vehicle: $2,930

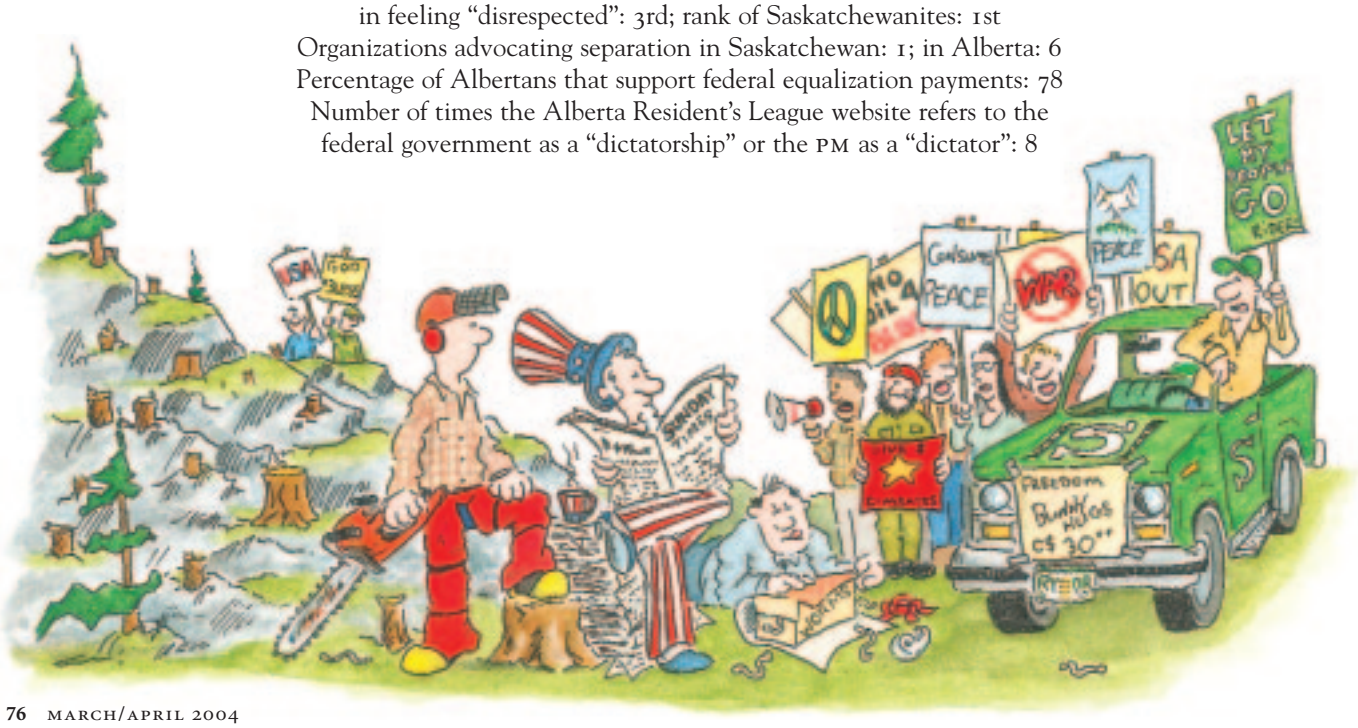
Current exchange rate of Canadian dollars to Calgary Dollars: 1:1
Calgary Dollars in circulation, 2003: 34,000
Businesses accepting Calgary Dollars, 2003: 150
Going rate in Calgary Dollars for one pound of composting worms: 20

Percentage of Alberta's land that is publicly owned: 73
Percentage of Alberta's boreal forest that is allocated to industry: 50; that remains as wilderness: 9
Rank of Canada among suppliers of industrial wood and fibre to the U.S. (for paper products like newsprint): 1
Number of trees needed to supply the newsprint for one Sunday's worth of newspapers in the U.S.: 500,000

Countries in which "Buy Nothing Day" (every last Friday of November) is observed: 55
Percentage of people who say they have an unused Christmas present in their closet: 35;
that have thrown a present straight into the garbage: 33
Year Montreal activists created "Steal Something Day"
as a response to the "moralistic false debate" of Buy Nothing Day: 2001

Amount donated to Alberta political parties, 2002: $3.8-million; amount donated to the PCs: $2.9-million;
the Liberals: $371,000; the NDP: $363,000; Social Credit: $43,000; the Communist Party: $100
Voter turnout, 1971 Alberta provincial election: 72 per cent; 2001 election: 53 per cent
Percentage of the popular vote by which the PCs beat the runner-up (Liberals) in 1993: 4.8; in the 2001 election: 34.6
Percentage of the popular vote the PCs received in 1993: 44.5; percentage of seats in the legislature: 61
Percentage of the vote the PCs received in 2001: 61.2; percentage of legislative seats: 89
Percentage of votes cast for a non-winning party in Alberta, 1980-2000: 49
Minimum salary of an Alberta MLA, 2002 (not including a $130 per sitting day living allowance
for non-Edmontonians): $71,978

According to the Canada West Foundation, rank of Albertans among Western provinces
in feeling "disrespected": 3rd; rank of Saskatchewanites: 1st
Organizations advocating separation in Saskatchewan: 1; in Alberta: 6
Percentage of Albertans that support federal equalization payments: 78
Number of times the Alberta Resident's League website refers to the
federal government as a "dictatorship" or the PM as a "dictator": 8



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