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Elusive...

A rush of provincial Conservative nominations and the pseudo-announcement this week that Alberta's long term debt has been "paid in full" helped promote the assumption that there will undoubtedly be a fall 2004 election. A number of factors suggest the next provincial campaign may be unlike any premier **Ralph Klein** has led over the past decade.

The Conservatives have nominated candidates in 59 of the 83 ridings, far ahead of the Liberals who have nominated 13 candidates and the New Democrats who have nominated eight. Both opposition parties say they will have a significant number of candidates nominated by the end of the summer in time for a fall election. The debate now seems to be whether to hold the election in September, before the municipal elections on October 18, or in November, after the municipal elections.

Two interesting new candidates declared in recent weeks.

Ron Liepert, a Calgary-based consultant won the Tory nomination in Calgary-West to take the place of **Karen Kryczka**, who decided not to run again. **Liepert**, who has held several positions in the private sector, was a press secretary to former premier **Peter Lougheed**.