"Governator" Arnold?

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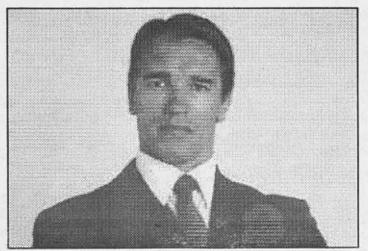
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Mister Universe wants to be Mister California. That's right; actor, body builder and futuristic robot Arnold Schwarzenegger is throwing his long name and big self into the growing race for governor of California. Following in the footsteps of fellow actor Ronald Reagan, the terminator wants to turn politician- Arnold wants to be the next Republican leader of one of the nation's largest states.

The position is up for grabs right now as current Governor Gray Davis is fighting to keep his job in the upcoming October recall election. The election is a result of a massive petition bankrolled by the Republican Party and signed by many Californians. A recall election is a very rare event and this will be the first in quite some time. Davis has been under the spotlight as the state's affairs are not in the best of shape since his tenure began as governor. Recent polls show his approval ratings to be at a record low of 22 percent and another poll shows 58 percent of Californians approve of the recall election. His plunging popularity is attributed to growing evidence of corruption, mismanagement and proven economic problems.

some cases really honest). The thing is to be polite yet CLEAR. That's very important! Tell him straight up that you're not interested in having this relationship with him. Tell him that you just don't think it's possible for you to remain close friends with some one after a break up, and that you need space.

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Schwarzenegger is joined by 135 other candidates, among them are other celebrities like Different Strokes child star, Gary Coleman and Hustler Magazine publisher Larry Flynt. But Schwarzenegger and the current Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante are by far the frontrunners in this race. The Kindergarten Cop got a plug from the commander-in-chief himself (George W. Bush), who said, "I think he'd be a good governor," while on vacation at his Texas ranch.

The Austrian born strong man is spearheading the push by the Republican Party for the California governor's seat as two other hopefuls dropped out of the race when he confirmed the rumors of his decision to run on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.