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## Candidates in California reca appear in first election deba

By Tom Chorneau THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. - In a prelude to the first debate in the recall election, a relaxed Gov. Gray Davis said Wednesday that the effort to oust him had been an awakening and that he was now fighting hard to keep his job and repair the state's problems.

Davis said he had not acted soon enough to deal with the state's energy crisis and pledged to stay in better touch with voters.

"I understand people are angry. I understand that people's lives are not as good as they were two years ago,' Davis said.

The first debate among the leading candidates to replace Davis put the spotlight on frontrunners Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who wasn't participating. The two could easily become the target for others looking to improve their position in the race

"I think Arnold is taking a huge risk," said Raphael Sonenshein, a political scientist at California State University, Fullerton. "If the other candidates are shrewd they can define his non-participation as a disqualifying issue.

Davis appeared for 30 minutes before a panel of journalists chosen by the organizers, followed by a 90-minute debate between the leading contenders to replace him.

The five participating candidates were Bustamante, the only prominent Democrat running as a replacement candidate; state Sen. Tom McClintock and former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth, both Republicans; tel-

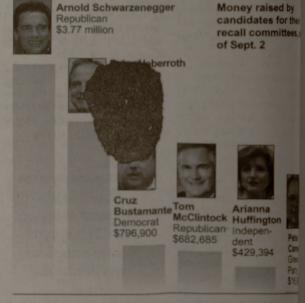
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CALIFORNIA RECALL

#### Davis defends, candidates debate

In a two-part debate Wednesday night, California Gov. Gray will be questioned about his record. In the second part, fively candidates will field questions and debate among themselves. Schwarzenegger will not take part in the debate.



SOURCES: Associated Press; Recall Watch

Huffington, running as an independent; and Green Party candidate Peter Camejo.

Candidates qualified for the debate by receiving at least 4 percent support in either a recent poll or the last statewide vote.

Schwarzenegger opted out, choosing instead to deliver a speech before supporters and college students at California State University, Long Beach, telling them that he wants to give back to the state where he has earned millions of dollars.

Schwarzenegger has agreed to participate in only one debate, on Sept. 24. Questions for that debate will be provided ahead of evision personality Arianna time - unlike Wednesday's debate. That decision has criticism from Republica Democrats alike, who wi capitalize on his abse

Wednesday's forum. During his brief and-answer session, Da he would rather have: have increased fees on students and he repeated that the recall was a righ effort to rewrite histor Republicans lost the falle

'We know you beat us, want to play the Super again," Davis said.

"It's like the 0 Raiders saying to Tampi

### Schwarzenegger bows out of debat

By Erica Werner THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONG BEACH, Calif. Schwarzenegger stayed away from the initial debate of California's recall election Wednesday and delivered what was billed as his first major campaign speech, getting pelted with an egg as he

"You have such a fantastic life, Arnold, you make millions of dollars to do movies and all those kinds of things, why do you want to do this?" Schwarzenegger asked

rhetorically in his address. "And you know something, because everything that I've gotten — my career, my money, my family - everything that I've gotten and achieved is because of California," he said to cheers at California State University,

As Schwarzenegger worked the crowd, the egg splattered on the back of his left shoulder. An

aide tried to wipe it off, but he simply peeled off his coat and went ahead with his speech.

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Schwarzenegger's absence fit into his paign strategy of appearing in public is trolled settings where he avoids protracted tioning from reporters, and critics have said not attending because he cannot see the tions in advance

But Rep. David Dreier, co-chair of the st campaign, asked the California Broads sion to give candidates the questions prior second debate.

'We prefer a more traditional format when candidates hear the ques the first time at the debate."th

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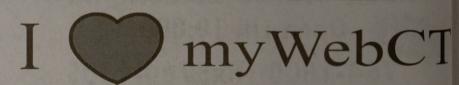
- Andrew Schwarzenegger California recall candidate

Hundreds of students cra the university quad Schwarzenegger's speech the hot afternoon sun. Some Young Republicans invited other schools, according to

actor's campaign. Opponents from La Raza St Association heckled him for hi support of Proposition 187, sought to deny services to immigrants. They held a sign saying "Hastala

Latinos." Supporters drowned out the heckless chants of "Arnold, Arnold, Arnold." 'Now, here is my plan: audit everything

the books, and then we end the crazy spending," he said.



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