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**SECTION:** BAY AREA; Pg. B1; MATIER & ROSS**LENGTH:** 987 words**HEADLINE:** Center for Gender Equity makes some more equal than others**BYLINE:** Phillip Matier, Andrew Ross**BODY:**

UCSF's Center for Gender Equity hosts its annual "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" on Thursday - but judging from the list of activities being offered, the gender equity program is anything but equal.

For example, the 9- and 10-year-old daughters are being invited to participate in 17 hands-on activities such as working with microscopes, slicing brains, doing skull comparisons, seeing what goes on in the operating room, playing surgeon, dentist or nurse for a day, and visiting the intensive care unit nursery, where they can set up blood pressure cuffs and operate the monitors.

They can learn about earthquake and disaster preparedness, how to use a fire extinguisher, how to operate several types of equipment -- even fire a laser.

And what do the boys get to do?

Learn about "gender equity in fun, creative ways using media, role playing and group games" -- after which, the boys can get a bit of time in with a microscope or learn how the heart works.

"It's ridiculous," says one UCSF doc, who asked not to be named for fear of retaliation from the university. "I have no problem with the Center for Gender Equity, but just make it equitable."

Longtime center director Amy Levine, however, tells us the program isn't intended to give boys and girls the same learning opportunities -- nor, she says, is it a career day.

"It's about dealing with effects of sexism on both boys and girls and how it can damage them," she said.

Hence, while the boys undergo gender sensitivity training, the girls focus on their capabilities -- be it handling a scalpel or microscope.

UCSF tried mixing the boys with the girls a few years back, but Levine says it just didn't work out.

"It mirrored the same sexism that occurs in the classroom daily," she said, "where boys raise their hands more often, demand more attention and have discipline problems."

So now the boys have their own gender sensitivity program, where "they learn about violence prevention and

how to be allies to the girls and women in their lives," Levine said.

New numbers: There's a new statewide poll out by the **Rose Institute** of State and Local Government at Claremont McKenna College -- and it adds to the list of surveys showing Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's approval rating below 50 percent.

The poll -- which surveyed 800 frequent voters earlier this month -- clocked the governor's job rating at 47 approve to 42 percent disapprove.

The **Rose Institute** numbers pretty much match a poll released earlier this month by the San Jose State's Survey and Policy Research **Institute**, which showed Schwarzenegger's ratings among registered voters at 49 percent approval, 38 percent disapproval.

In January, that poll had his approval numbers at 59 percent. But that was before Arnold took on the teachers, firefighters and nurses.

A Lee for a Lee: 'Twas all smiles and smoothness Tuesday down at San Francisco City Hall, with Public Works Director Ed Lee ascending to city administrator and the longtime holder of that post, Bill Lee, moving out to the airport -- but like all smiley events, the real deal was never spoken.

So here it is.

Months ago, Mayor Gavin Newsom signaled he wanted a change in the city administrator's office. After all, 10 years is a long time for anyone to serve, even someone as popular and politically well-connected as Bill Lee.

But any move of Lee had to be done carefully, as evidenced when hundreds of his friends and supporters came together last month at the Far East Cafe to celebrate his years of service.

Lee told the mayor in advance not to feel pressured by the event, but by then everyone knew that, as one Newsom aide told us earlier this week, a soft landing for Lee had to be found.

For a while, some of Lee's friends floated the idea of his taking over the city's Redevelopment Agency, but Newsom didn't take to that.

Most recently, with the sudden resignation of Mabel Teng, Lee's name bubbled up as a possible assessor-recorder. But that idea went nowhere as well.

What the mayor did offer was a newly created, \$149,000-a-year job out at the airport as director of international economic and tourism development. Just to avoid looking like Lee was being shipped to Siberia, the mayor threw in a newly minted seat on the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Plus, Lee gets to hold onto his seat on the city's Planning Commission.

So in one move:

Bill Lee gets a new job.

Newsom gets a new city administrator.

Newsom gets a voice on the public-private visitors bureau, which spends millions a year in city money.

And he gets to keep Lee as a friendly face on the Planning Commission.

At the same time, he hopes, he's kept Lee's friends in the Chinese American community happy.

And he's made Lee's Chinatown enemies, headed up by **Rose** Pak, pleased by elevating Pak's ally Ed Lee to the city administrator's job.

He's back: Former presidential candidate John Kerry will return to San Francisco on Friday for a bit of fund raising -- and one of those benefiting is Democratic Assembly candidate Janet Reilly.

Some 300 guests are expected to attend the \$250- to \$1,000-a-head cocktail reception for Reilly atop the

Merchants Exchange Building, owned by the candidate's husband, former political consultant Clint Reilly.

It's no secret that Clint himself worked hard to raise money and support for Kerry's presidential bid -- in fact, he was back in Boston with the candidate on election night.

From the looks of things, the favor is being returned.

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