

**THE TENDERLOIN** Four boys on the MacCanDo Tenderloin Youth Track Team have qualified to compete July 11-15 in the 42nd International Children's Games, which are expected to draw 2,000 athletes ages 12 to 15 from 60 countries. Qualifying in three track and field events each at Kezar Stadium on Feb. 10 were Simon Xie, David Ngyuen and Aaron Lam, all 14, and Tony Lau, 12. Kezar, where the MacCanDo team practices weekly, will host the track competition. At the first of the year, when coach and Rec and Park Co-director Rob McDaniels was reassigned, he moved his team recruiting base from Boeddeker Park to Tenderloin Children's Playground a block away. "And these four just popped up," McDaniels said. "It's their first year on the team." He predicted Aaron Lam, who lives on Eddy Street, would do well. "He's a power runner and very inspired," McDaniels said. "He runs the 400 meters like Edwin Moses. Well, I shouldn't jump to comparisons." In various combinations, the boys qualified in 100-, 400-, 800- and 1,500-meter categories, and in the shot put, high jump and long jump.

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At the meeting, the coalition handed over its petition with 1,000 signatures to Winnie Groux, USPS district manager for San Francisco. The accompanying letter was cc'd to Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Postmaster General Jack Potter. In addition to Groux and Wigdel, TL police Capt. Gary Jimenez and Hastings CFO David Seward attended.

Seward asked the Postal Service reps to look for "sustainable solutions" to the community's concerns. Daly, who called the Feb. 14 Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee hearing on converting 101 Hyde to full service, asked the Postal Service to be a better neighbor. As things are now, Daly said, the post office is contributing to the "ghettoization" of the neighborhood. The Examiner reported that Capt. Jimenez called 101 Hyde "pretty much an abandoned property" and said his officers are "constantly chasing drug dealers out of the place."

According to Alliance for a Better District 6 Executive Director Michael Nulty, who attended the meeting, Groux also is concerned about safety. She said employees at the site



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