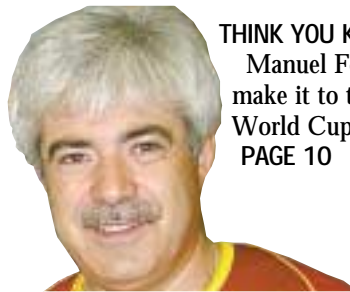




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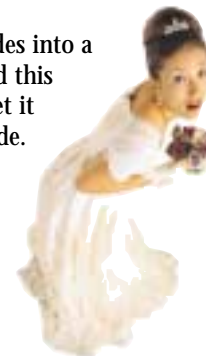


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Manuel Felgueiras says Portugal will make it to the second round of the World Cup. Do you agree with him?
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Gerrard promises help for Hendon

By Timothy Friesen
Canstar News Editor

Manitoba Liberal leader Jon Gerrard says he's shocked to hear tales of crack dealers and prostitutes working out of the Manitoba Housing Authority project at 170 Hendon Ave.

What's worse, says Gerrard, is that residents who speak up about problems in their building face backlash from the authority itself.

"They're certainly concerned about repercussions from the Manitoba Housing Authority for bringing things forward," said Gerrard after visiting the project May 12.

Gerrard says he visited the building after being approached by residents who told him they have nowhere left to turn.

Early in the meeting with about 20 of the building's residents, residents asked for anonymity because they feared reprisals from both the housing authority and from the problem tenants that live next door.

"Any complaints to Manitoba Housing is like whistling in the wind," said one elderly woman who had earlier told *Canstar* about problems with crack dealers on her floor. "I feel like Manitoba Housing is treating me like a third-class citizen."

"You try and do something and you just get penalized," added another, who said he had a \$25 surcharge added to his rent bill after he started to raise safety complaints.

The Manitoba Housing Authority's director of property services Tom Moody denied the allegations.

"The safety and security of our tenants is the

utmost reason we exist," said Moody. "We're happy when tenants bring situations to light for us. They get encouraged and praised."

But one resident, who has been active in trying to mobilize residents to deal with safety issues, says the main problem is the

prevalence of hard drugs in the building.

"I got offered crack the second day I moved in," says the resident. He says gunfire is not uncommon and he has also heard automatic gunfire in and around the building.
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A good place to hang out

Cherissa Pottinger, top, and Becky Allen are trying to save the metal dome in their park, which is being slated for demolition next month. See "Petition" on page 5.

Clean Sweep on Agnes? Maybe not

By James Turner
Staff Reporter

Some West End residents say that the Winnipeg Police Service's mission to sweep the area clean of crime has made little impact on their lives.

Their reactions were provoked by fear that the WPS may have to cut back on crime-busting operations in the area due to members of the force taking time off for summer vacations.

The WPS launched Operation Clean Sweep in late 2005, largely in response to public outcry over acts of random violence committed in the area.

Crystal, who did not want to provide her full name, has lived around Agnes Street for seven years, and says she sometimes sees more police on the street during the day, but never at night when she feels the area is more dangerous.

"At night you see people getting mugged and jumped," she says.

"They need to be around mostly in the night time."

She adds that prostitution in the area is a big problem as well, and one of the prime reasons she seldom takes her son out after dark.

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