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FAST Team to double after grants

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FALL RIVER — The city is getting a four-year infusion of federal grant money to tackle the twin issues of homelessness and substance abuse. A combined \$3.2 million in grant funding is coming from the Substance

Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Department of Justice. It will help fund a collaboration between Fall River, Westport and Berkley police, EMS, Southcoast Hospitals, SSTAR, and other agencies to reduce substance abuse, overdoses and homelessness. Nichole Fontaine, Fall River’s director of outreach services, said this will



Fontaine

effectively double the city’s FAST Team — the Fall River Addiction Support and Treatment unit — to about 12 to 13 people. “Right now, the FAST Team is a police liaison from Fall River, a data outreach coordinator, myself, two recovery coaches

and a clinician,” Fontaine said. They’ll be adding a second clinician and an outreach worker from Southcoast CARES, Southcoast Health’s wellness department, to focus on homeless outreach. The FAST Team will also train multiple Fall River officers to serve as liaisons and make it a unit. **See FAST, Page 3A**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



David Landis and Milo read along with the Rev. Rob Nemkovich at the Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River during the Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 3. COLIN FURZE/HERALD NEWS

Pearl Street Garage tenant gives city offer of \$1M

Nick Rommel
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When the city put its Pearl Street Garage up for sale earlier this year, Mayor Paul Coogan said developer James Karam’s long-term lease on the structure “may well” lower the bids the city receives. That has proven to be true, as the only offer to buy the garage is \$350,000 below the city’s “suggested minimum bid price” and comes from Karam himself. Bid documents submitted by Karam and his company, First Bristol Corp., offer the city \$1,050,000 for the property, three-quarters of the city’s suggested minimum of \$1.4 million. **See GARAGE, Page 2A**

Iconic Flint restaurant Estoril for sale

Ashley Schuler
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A beloved Portuguese restaurant that’s become a Flint Village fixture over the past 36 years is on the market. Estoril Restaurant, which garnered the Phantom Gourmet spotlight for its “must-get” Portuguese steak, has ended its three-decade run at its 1577 Pleasant St. home. “A Fall River staple is officially for sale,” reads a recent post Blake Starratt of RE/MAX Legacy, which has listed the mixed-use building, with an address of at 1569 Pleasant St. — which features the restaurant on the ground floor and residential units on the upper floors — for \$4,800,000 on Aug. 31. Family-owned and operated by Nancy Moniz and her parents who first established the restaurant in 1990 — Abel, who headed the kitchen, and Fatima Moniz — Estoril has been a go-to for homestyle Portuguese cuisine, such as its signature house steak, shrimp Mozambique and saffron seasoned fish and chips. **See ESTORIL, Page 3A**

