

# Congressman Keating reintroduces Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Act

This week, Congressman Bill Keating reintroduced the Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Act of 2018, which requires a nuclear plant operator to consult with state and local communities when drafting plans to govern the shutdown of a reactor and eventual transfer of a plant's federal license. Congressman Keating reintroduced this legislation with Rep. Peter Welch; the bill has the support of a number of Members of both the House and Senate.

Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station ("Pilgrim"), in Plymouth, is scheduled to enter the decommissioning phase in 2019. This bill would have a direct effect on the plant's decommissioning process.

"Ask anyone in Plymouth how important the decommissioning of Pilgrim is and they will tell you in no uncertain terms," said Congressman Keating. "Plymouth residents can name a number of concerns, whether they be economic, environmental, safety, labor, or others. Not having their input makes no sense whatsoever and would only serve one purpose – the operator's purpose. It is the people who live or work in the community hosting a nuclear power plant who truly understand the effects of decommissioning one. This legislation gives them a voice. They have been drowned out by the big corporations who own these plants for too long."



“As the host community for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, it is important that Plymouth and surrounding communities have the opportunity to work with the NRC and the plant operator in order to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of its residents,” said State Senator Vinny deMacedo.

“I applaud Congressman Keating for his leadership on matters related to decommissioning of nuclear power plants,” said State Senator Julian Cyr. “As Massachusetts is preparing for the decommissioning process of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, MA, the residents of the Massachusetts 9th congressional district are well served by our Congressman’s

focus on this matter. NRC regulations for closing nuclear plants remain too broad; local communities deserve greater input on decommissioning decisions that will affect them for decades to come.”

Specifically, the Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Act of 2018 mandates a licensee, such as Entergy who operates Pilgrim, to gain meaningful input from neighboring governments located within 50 miles of a nuclear power plant during the crafting of any decommissioning proposal. Additionally, the bill requires the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to seek public input on a plan, formally evaluate that input, and publicly declare its decision to adopt or reject the resulting recommendations.

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## **City of New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches accepting applications for over 75 summer jobs**

Are you or someone you know looking for a summer job? Want a fun and active way to spend your summer?

The City of New Bedford Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches has summer jobs for New Bedford residents! We offer over 75 seasonal positions from entry level to professional: Life guards, Play in the Park Summer Food Program, Kennedy Summer Day Program and Beach Parking.

To pick up an application or for more information please contact us at (508) 961-3015, 181 Hillman St Building #3 or

visit us online at [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov).

Seasonal Training & Employment Program (STEP) is supported by the Office of Housing & Community Development through CDBG funding

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## **New Bedford cold weather overflow shelter open tonight, Feb. 09**

Due to the continued weather conditions, the overflow at 71 Division Street will be opened again tonight. All inquiries can be forwarded to Sister Rose house and 1-800-homeless.

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## **Brazilian National Sentenced for Scheme to Launder \$20 Million in Proceeds from the TelexFree Fraud**

A Brazilian national was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for conspiring to launder approximately \$20 million in proceeds from the TelexFree pyramid scheme.

Cleber Rene Rizerio Rocha, 28, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Leo T. Sorokin to 33 months in prison and one year

of supervised release. In October 2017, Rocha pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to commit money laundering and one count of money laundering.

In April 2014, a search warrant was executed at the headquarters of TelexFree Inc., a massive pyramid scheme based in Marlborough, Mass., that caused billions of dollars in losses to nearly two million victims worldwide. Later that same day, Carlos Wanzeler, one of the founders of the company, fled first to Canada and then to Brazil, his native country. In his haste to flee the United States, however, Wanzeler left millions of dollars hidden in the greater Boston area.

In mid-2015, an intermediary working on Wanzeler's behalf contacted an associate for help transferring the money from the United States to Brazil. The associate, who later cooperated with federal authorities, arranged with Wanzeler's representative in Brazil to launder cash through Hong Kong, convert it to Brazilian Reals, and then transfer it to Brazilian accounts. In January 2017, Rocha, working as a courier for Wanzeler's representative in Brazil, flew from Brazil to New York City. Rocha later met the cooperating witness in Hudson, Mass., where Rocha gave him a suitcase containing \$2.2 million of Wanzeler's hidden TelexFree money, intending that the cooperating witness help launder the cash out of the United States. After the meeting, agents followed Rocha to an apartment in Westborough, Mass., and he was later arrested. A search of the apartment resulted in the seizure of approximately \$20 million in cash found hidden in a mattress box spring.

Wanzeler and TelexFree co-founder James Merrill were indicted in July 2014 on charges that they operated TelexFree as a massive pyramid scheme. Merrill pleaded guilty to those charges and was sentenced in March 2017 to six years in prison. Wanzeler remains a fugitive.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling and Michael Shea,

Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston, made the announcement today. U.S. Attorney Lelling and Assistant U.S. Attorney Neil J. Gallagher Jr. of the Economic Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.

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## **Faces Of New Bedford #141: Rafaela DeFigueiredo Spence**

Meet Rafaela DeFigueiredo Spence, 36-year-old Principal of W. H. Taylor Elementary School.



Rafaela moved to New Bedford with her family from Brazil, just a day before her seventh birthday. Transitioning into school in the US was a difficult task for her, as she only knew how to speak Portuguese, but made the move to english speaking classes after 3 years as a bilingual student. Despite the difficulties of learning a new language, she had such a huge passion for school and learning.

This love drove her into a career path involved in the education field, going to Umass Dartmouth where she received a bachelors degree in Psychology and a masters degree in clinical psychology, which helped her become an Adjustment

Counselor in the New Bedford Public Schools. She started her career at Pacheco Elementary and it was while there that the principal, Marcia Faucher, inspired her to begin her journey to become a principal in the New Bedford Public School System.

After receiving her doctorate from Northeastern University in Urban Leadership, she became the assistant principal at Gomes School and would eventually move on to become the principal of Kempton Elementary school. Due to restructuring in the cities school system, Kempton closed and Rafaela moved into the role of principal of W. H. Taylor School, located in the cities south end. While in this position she has helped facility the move to their new building and also impact the lives of her students each day. She finds joy in working in the city she migrated to as a child because of her love for the home it has become and her desire to see each and every one of her students succeed.

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## **New Bedford Domestic Abuser Sentenced to Up To A Decade**

# in Prison

A 30-year-old New Bedford man was sentenced to serve up to a decade in state prison for twice assaulting his girlfriend and her young daughter, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

William Osorio pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court this week to charges of strangulation, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, kidnapping, witness intimidation and assault and battery on a family or household member.

On June 6, 2016 the defendant, who was on Superior Court Probation for seriously assaulting another individual who witnessed a crime he had committed, started arguing with his girlfriend. During the argument, he slapped her in the face numerous times and took her phone so she could not call police. The probation department filed a violation and detainer in August, but the defendant was not held.

Then, on October 15, 2016 the defendant again argued with his girlfriend. During the argument, he continuously hit her and told her she wasn't leaving him or calling the police. The defendant prevented the victim from leaving all night. In the morning, the fight escalated to the point where he was hitting and strangling her. Her young daughter and the daughter's sleep-over friend heard it and tried to intervene, but the defendant hit the daughter in the face. The defendant then armed himself with a knife and stabbed his girlfriend in the leg. The girls were able to call 911 for help, while the stabbing was occurring.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Cahill, the Chief of DA Quinn's Domestic Violence Unit, and the eight to 10 years state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Rosemary Connolly.

"This defendant has a history of engaging in violent behavior



and is again involved in very violent incident involving children,” District Attorney Quinn said. “The sentence protects the victims and society from this very dangerous person.”

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## 15 Things To Do This Weekend (Feb. 09-Feb. 11)

Quite the odd weekend weather-wise. We’ll start out a bit chill with temperatures just above freezing – then we’ll be hanging out in the low 50s for the rest of the weekend. Not exactly typical February weather! There will be a bit of rain and fog on Sunday morning, but beyond that, nothing to be concerned about – so have at it!

FRIDAY FEB 9	SATURDAY FEB 10	SUNDAY FEB 11
		
34°/28°	50°/40°	51°/38°
Some sun, then turning cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Rain; fog in the morning

As always, click on the title for more or detailed information on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our [event calendar](#) where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local business, and not taking advantage of FREE publicity, shame on you! Are you a local business and want to sponsor this high traffic, weekend guide? Contact [info@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:info@newbedfordguide.com) for more details. Have an event to add? Add it [here](#). Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

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## Friday, February 09th

### **Lawler Branch TGIF Technically Good Information Fridays (10:00am-1:00pm)**

Get some one-on-one tech help from your friendly library staff. Every Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Francis J. Lawler Branch Library

745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford.



*The Real Deal at Pub 6T5!*

### **Lawler Branch Winter Story & Craft Time (3:30pm-4:30pm)**

Bring your children, grand-kids, etc. and enjoy some picture books along with a craft activity they'll enjoy! Children of all ages welcome! Francis J. Lawler Branch Library, 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford.

### **"Whiskey Detour" at The Bar (9:30pm-12:00am)**

Come out for a night of Great Country Music. Whiskey Detour will be playing all your favorite country hits. The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

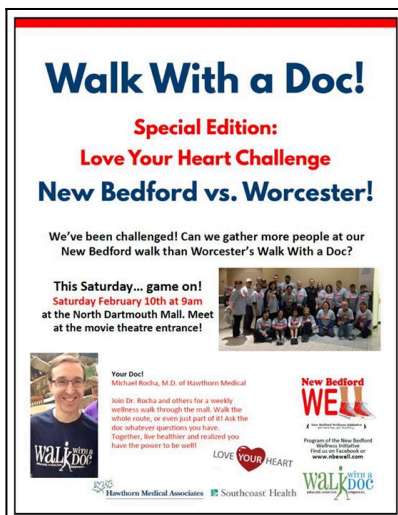
### **The Real Deal band at Pub 6T5 (9:00pm-11:45pm)**

High energy, non-stop dancing, the epitome of sound! Voted best dance band in New England – they are "The" Real Deal for live entertainment! R & B, Motown, Soul. Pub 6T5, 736 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

# Saturday, February 10th

## Walk with a Doc New Bedford versus Worcester! (9:00am)

This coming weekend is Love Your Heart Weekend in New Bedford. Our team Walk With a Doc-New Bedford Wellness Initiative has been challenged for Saturday, February 10 at 9 am by the Walk with a Doc Worcester County and Dr. Nandana Kansara to see who has the most walkers! Last week they had 45 walkers and they have been posting and emailing how they will beat us. Let's #StepItUp and #LoveYourHeart New Bedford style. So far, the losing Doc has to buy a Walk with a Doc sweatshirt for the winner. We all win by getting moving and getting healthy together. Dartmouth Mall.



*Get in shape and  
kick Worcester's  
butt!*

## New England Campus Farmer Summit: What's Growing on Your Campus? (9:00am-4:00pm)

The Farm at Stonehill, Farm to Institution New England and the Vela Foundation are pleased to bring you the 2018 New England Campus Farmer Summit. The Summit will take place on Saturday, February 10th at the Martin Institute at Stonehill College in Easton MA. This one-day summit will celebrate the growing trend across the country for college campuses to start and maintain sustainable farms or gardens on their campuses. The

event welcomes campus farmers, students, faculty, staff and friends to gather and share "What's Growing on Your Campus"? Following opening remarks by Molly Anderson and a campus farmer panel, workshops and breakout sessions will offer attendees the opportunity to learn from fellow campus farmers, local farmers, and non-profits about a range of current issues identified by participants. Stonehill College, 320 Washington St, North Easton, MA.

### **Main Library's Children's Room Family Story Time (11:00am-12:00pm)**

Please join us at the Main Library's Children's Room every Saturday at 11am for story time and crafts! Hope to see you there! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

### **Seal and Seabird Watch (11:30am-1:00pm)**

Watch for wintering seals and seabirds on a boat tour of Woods Hole hosted by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Begin at the Woods Hole Community Hall, where you'll learn about harbor seals and their life in Buzzards Bay and beyond. Then board a heated boat to search for these playful mammals on the water during an hour-long tour. Please dress warmly and bring extra layers. Binoculars will be provided or you can bring your own. Cameras welcome. Woods Hole, Woods Hole, MA.

### **Grape Stomping Saturdays! (1:30pm & 3:30pm)**

Ever wanted to experience grape stomping? Now's your chance! Grape stomping will be at 1:30pm & 3:30pm each day (indoors in our tank room). How to participate: Arrive early to purchase a ticket for \$1 (cash only, proceeds go to the Newport Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.) Tickets can be purchased at the host stand when you arrive. No limit on amount of tickets purchased for a greater chance of being picked! 2 tickets will be drawn at each time slot to pick the participants! Make a day of it with wine tasting or a tour: Saturday Tasting Room hours: 10am – 5pm. Tour times (tour is 30 minutes & complimentary): 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00. Newport

Vineyards, 909 East Main Rd., (Route 138), Middletown, RI.