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ثلاثة أمسكوا بأحدهم وأخذوا بضربه على وجهه،وهو يصرخ آخيا ظهري.

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فقال : لو كان لي ظهر هل كنتم تجرأتم على ضربي.

ونيال يللي عنده ظهر في هذا الشرق كم يكون محظوظاً.

طمنى يا أخ العرب كيف ظهرك؟...

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Houston A Green Leader

By Mayor Annise Parker

The City of Houston continues to set the standard for other cities when it comes to being "green." Houston is already known as the energy capital of the world, but we are committed to becoming the alternative energy capital of the world as well.

We recently signed an agreement with Reliant Energy, an NRG Energy company, to purchase over 140 MW of renewable power for the next two years. During this time period, the City's purchase of green power will account for half of its annual electricity demand. We will be using almost 623,000 mWh of green power per year, which is equivalent to the amount of kilowatt-hours needed to power over 55,000 homes each year.

Purchasing green power reduces the environmental impacts of electricity use, decreases the cost of renewable power over time and supports the development of new renewable generation - a triple win for Houstonians.

This purchase makes Houston the largest municipal purchaser of renewable power in the nation, and places us in the top 10 overall in the nation, according to estimates from the Environmental Protection Agency. The City has purchased renewable energy credits (RECs) that are Green-E certified.





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Tony is running to serve in the Texas Legislature as State Representative for District 150.

His District covers parts of Klein, Spring, FM 1960, Aldine, and Tomball. It is a diverse area that includes apartment complexes, single family homes, small locally-owned businesses, and Fortune 500 companies. It is Tony's rich background and in-depth understanding of business that makes him especially suited for this position and ultimately the right man for the job.

Tony is a believer in the American Dream of success. For Tony it is not merely a concept, but instead it is something he has strived for firsthand. In an effort to provide a better life for his family and to help those around him, Tony has approached every business task with tenacity and a relentless pursuit of service to others. As an immigrant from Lebanon nearly 30 years ago, Tony is mindful and appreciative of the opportunities that America has provided him and his family. His commitment to service is directly related to his desire to give back to the great country that's provided the opportunities we all enjoy. One of Tony's key platform points is to be an Advocate for Safety for All Areas of District 150. It is in this capacity that he will be a bridge between the American and Arab Community, eradicate false perceptions, and work to find common solutions for shared problems.

To learn more about Tony Noun and his vision for District 150 and our community, please visit

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Conservative for State Representative

طوني نون في خدمة الجالية والمجتمع الأميركى

برافو طونى نون المرشح على مقعد State Representative .District 150

فهو مؤمن بأن الاغتراب رسالة نجاح وجهاد لتأمين مستقبل أفضل لعائلته. أمّا الرسالة الثانية فهي رفع اسم لبنان وخدمة المجتمع الأميركي الذي شرع له أبو ابه و استقبله ،فهو يعمل ليكون خادم الشعب وأبناء المنطقة وإضعا تشريع القوانين في خدمة الشعب والمجتمع الأميركي.

طونى نون من الذين يعملون للوصول إلى القرار السياسي الاجتماعي والإنمائي لرفع اسم الجالية اللبنانية والعربية ، وليكون جسرا بين المجتمع الأميركي والعربي .

برافو طوني نون الذي رفع الاغتراب إلى مستوى خدمة الأوطان وخدمة الشعوب والجاليات، وعلى جميع الجالية اللبنانية والعربية دعم ترشيحه والوقوف إلى جانبه والإدلاء بأصواتهم لأنه ابن البلد ابن الجالية اللبنانية والعربية وابن الولايات المتحدة الأميركية، فوصوله إلى القرار السياسي هو انتصار للاغتراب اللبناني والعربي.



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Your Locally Global Network

By Mike Jabri

BePlused.com is a new social network, that lets users not only connect with friends and family globally but also to receive the latest news on any particular chosen location. The website is divided into "networks" by cities and lets your travel online all over the world and find what you are searching for.

BePlused.com decided to combine social networking experience with an online contest.

It will be easier than ever for users to meet people and find out what is going out in different parts of the world. All you have to do is choose a city and start exploring. Just some of the features that Be-Plused.com has:

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- Get all the latest news.
- Video chat with your friends and family all over the world.
- Play online games.
- Create your own blog.
- Post pictures, videos, events and much more!

We enhanced social networking and took it to another level by rewarding users with cash prizes. It is our monthly social network contest-Plus System. Users can collect plusses by plussing certain things on the website: comments, photos, videos, status updates, etc. The more you plus the more you get, in the end the top 3 users with the most pluses will be rewarded with prizes: \$1000, \$750, \$500.

Users can find out what others are talking about by filtering all posted content based on network, using our City Wall. Beplused City Wall will feature interactive user-friendly design that will display everything the locals are posting based on their location: photos from art museum exhibit, video of baseball game, reviews for the new restaurant in town, etc.

BePlused.com is dedicated on providing the world with new social network, making each person locally global, giving everyone the opportunity of being the voice of their city, allowing bigger and more in depth understanding of different cultures to each other, and in the end rewarding the users for the contribution on the Internet.





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The Consulate General of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Houston

The Consulate General of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Houston held an *iftar* dinner on the occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan. The *iftar* dinner took place at the Marriott Hotel in the presence of Deputy General Mishari S. Alanazi representing the Consul General Sultan A. Al Angari. The crowd present included Saudi Arabian nationals, members of the Arab community, and some high profile U.S. officials. Everyone wished for the good and blessings of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. These are some snapshots:





51st Antiochian Archdiocese Convention Hosted by St. George Orthodox Church July 21-28 Hilton Americas Downtown Houston- Texas





The 51st Antiochian Orthodox Convention was held in Houston, Texas at the Hilton Hotel from the 21st to the 28th of July under the supervision of the Orthodox Church of St. George in Houston. The conference turned into a Festival for the Orthodox community coming from across all U.S. states, Canada, and Latin America. A group of bishops and priests of North and South America also participated. These are some stills of activities and festivities that were held







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Congratulations to the children of Ramallah! A club was purchased six months ago to bring together the sons of Ramallah under one roof. The club features a concert hall, rooms for entertainment, game halls for children, playgrounds for training and practicing the sport of golf, an outside courtyard for motorsports, a waterfall, and beautiful gardens with a vast parking lot. It is worth mentioning that the kitchen is equipped with the latest materials. We wish that all communities have a similar club to bring together families, heritage, traditions, and customs to maintain roots and language.

An administrative body has been elected as follows:

Club President: Charlie Zayed Vice President: Antoine Chelnar Hall Manager: Marwan Mefreh

The governing team:

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Karagoz - Hacivat at Nazif's Turkish Grill & Deli

During the month of Ramadan, Nazif's Turkish Grill & Deli presented the traditional Turkish show of Karagoz every Friday evening. This cultural and entertaining show captures Turkish heritage in a fun and artistic manner. These are some stills:









