

BROOKHAVEN TOWN

'Brew to Moo' program gets \$33G grant

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State officials have awarded a \$33,350 grant to support a Brookhaven Town program that uses craft beer grains to feed farm animals.

The "Brew to Moo" program, begun last year, was designed to provide low-cost animal feed to local farms by using town trucks to carry grain from breweries to barns.

The Brickhouse Brewery in Patchogue and The Port Jefferson Brewery Company were the first craft brewers to join the program last year, when they began donating grains to Double D Ranch in Manorville.

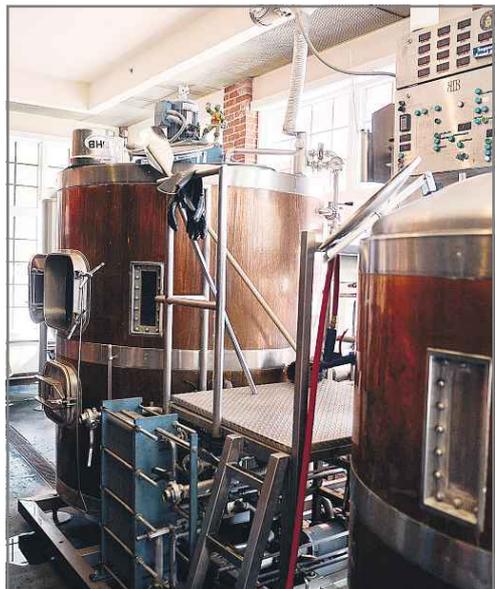
The grant from the state Department of Environmental Conservation will help Brookhaven purchase a rack dump truck to transport spent grains, and heavy-duty containers with lids for on-site storage, state officials said in a news release.

The Brookhaven grant was among \$3.5 million in state grants awarded last year to encourage food recycling programs throughout the state, officials said.

"Diverting food and food waste from landfills stands to benefit all New Yorkers by putting good, wholesome food to use at area food banks, reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, and saving resources," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said in a statement.

Craft brewers use grains such as barley, wheat and corn to make sugar for their beer. Leftover grains can be fed to cows, goats, sheep, chicken, ducks, geese and pigs.

A Newsday story last year about "Brew to Moo" said Brookhaven officials supported the program to reduce disposal of food waste while helping farmers cut animal feed costs.



Patchogue's Brickhouse Brewery was an early "Brew to Moo" program participant.



Mohammad Rafiq, 65, of Baldwin was identified Monday as the man found in a burned car in East Patchogue on Sunday.

POLICE ID BODY IN BURNED CAR

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Police have identified the man whose body was found Sunday night in the driver's seat of a burned car at an East Patchogue auto repair center, Suffolk police said Monday.

Mohammad Rafiq, 65, of Baldwin, has been identified as the man found

in the car. Detectives believe his death to be noncriminal in nature.

The blaze, on Montauk Highway between Kane and Hagerman avenues, was reported at 8:19 p.m., a police spokeswoman said.

The Hagerman Fire Department put out the fire and found the body, police said in a news release Monday.

Rafiq was pronounced dead and an autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death, police said.

Detectives asked anyone with information on the case to call them at 631-852-6392 or Crime Stoppers at 800-220-8477.

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CRIME & courts

HUNTINGTON

Attorney arrested for pulling a gun on client during dispute

Suffolk police arrested a defense attorney at his Huntington office Monday after, police said, he pointed a handgun at one of his clients during a dispute.

Pierre Bazile, 46, of Albemarle Avenue in Huntington Station was charged with second-degree menacing, a misdemeanor, shortly after the skirmish at the law office of Christopher Cassar at 13 East Carver St. in Huntington, police said.

Police said Bazile, who served as an NYPD officer for 14 years before becoming an attorney, pulled out a 9-mm handgun at about 12:15 p.m.

during an argument with a 32-year-old client and ordered him out of the office.

The client then waited outside for officers to arrive, police said.

Bazile was arrested and released on station house bail. It was unclear when he would be arraigned on the charge.

Bazile had no comment Monday night.

— ZACHARY R. DOWDY

GARDEN CITY

Assault, robbery charges for man in theft attempt at store

A Farmingville man who attempted to steal merchandise from Bloomingdale's in Garden City was charged with robbery and assault

after he injured two store security workers, police said Monday.

The store employees confronted Daniel Charbonnier, 30, of Waverly Avenue, about 4:50 p.m. Sunday, Nassau County police said.

"The defendant got physical, injuring both of them," police said in a news release.

Police said he was charged with robbery, assault, petit larceny and criminal possession of a controlled substance — cocaine that was found on

him. Charbonnier was taken to a hospital for evaluation, and he will be arraigned when medically practical, police said.

— WILLIAM MURPHY



Daniel Charbonnier



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