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WHAT'S WHERE

Police meeting

The Southern District Community Relations Council's monthly meeting, held tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at the the department, is highlighted by its annual Pot Luck Party.

Local meetings

All three local community groups will not hold monthly meetings next week. The Community of Curtis Bay Association, The Concerned Citizens for a Better Brooklyn and the Lakeland Community Association will not meet in December.

All three groups will resume monthly meetings at their regularly scheduled date, time and place in January.

Myers soccer

The Myers Pavilion has announced that applications are now available for those interested in signing up for the next in-house session.

The next session begins in January and is open to boys, girls, men and women ages 5 and up.

Applications can be picked up at the pavilion.

Team applications are being accepted for the Soccer Kick National Championships to be held at the Myers Pavilion.

The under-14 divisions will play Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The men's open division plays on Jan. 14 and the women's and co-



Photo by Bill Wagner

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Area couple charged with baby's death

Child was dead for 36 hours

By BILL WAGNER
 Staff Writer

Baltimore City homicide detectives have charged a Brooklyn couple with child abuse by neglect in the death of their 2-year old baby, who according to autopsy reports, had been dead for at least 36 hours.

Brandy Simpkins was pronounced dead from malnutrition and dehydration, at 11:30 a.m. Monday morning. Paramedics responded to the Emergency 911 call from residents of 808 Glade Court in the housing projects of Brooklyn.

According to Dennis Hill, chief police spokesman, the child was found lying in her crib, clothed only in a diaper and appearing very sickly and pale.

"The parents claim the child was healthy and playing as late as 9 p.m. on the 17th (Sunday)," Hill said.

"The chief medical investigator was called and, after a thorough examination, he estimated the baby had been dead at least 36 hours or more."

Hill said the child was found to be severely dehydrated, malnourished and neglected.

The baby's parents, Grace Catherine

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Sludge from the infamous "poo-poo choo-choo" that traversed the South for several weeks and wasn't allowed to unload in two states has turned up across the harbor from where it originated.

The Brooklyn News has located approximately six carloads of the Baltimore sewage sludge that came from the Back River Waste Water Treatment Plant in Essex which are now parked on a rail line inside the Patapsco Waste Water Treatment Plant in Wagner's Point.

The Patapsco plant is almost directly across the Patapsco River from the Back River plant.

On Thursday, the sludge cars — still covered with the recognizable tarpaulin's that have been used to mask the foul smelling sludge — were sitting adjacent to the plant's sludge processing building waiting to be treated.

The cars arrived at the Patapsco plant on Wednesday and security at the plant has been unusually tight ever since. The plant's gates, usually open to traffic going in and out, were suddenly closed and manned by a security guard.

Vehicles wanting to enter the plant were stopped and driver's asked for identification. When a guard was

asked why security was suddenly so tight he said, "We're working on a classified project. You'll hear about it soon enough."

Sources inside the plant, who refused to be identified, have confirmed that the boxcars are remnants of the infamous "poo-poo choo-choo."

Public Works officials and the plant's director have refused comment.

"It's obviously a very clandestine operation and that shouldn't be the case," said Delores Barnes, president of the Concerned Citizens for a Better Brooklyn. "It was public knowledge while it was riding up and down the East Coast, but now that it's in our community it's suddenly classified. I'm not surprised."

Wagner's Point residents aren't happy either. "We don't want it down here. If the people down South can't stand it, how do they expect us to stand it," George Farmer, a resident of the 3800 block of Leo Street in Wagner's Point, said.

Bob Fritz, who lives in the 3700 block of Leo St., said "I wasn't aware that it was down here. Frankly, I'm disgusted to wake up and hear about it. We don't want it anymore than the people down South. The smell around here is bad enough already."

The Patapsco Waste Water Treatment Plant has a multi-leveled sewage treatment process. Using several large tanks, sewage is screened and then piped from container to container and treated with various chemicals.

The liquid effluents then flow through an outfall pipe into the Patapsco River, while the semi-solid sludge is temporarily stored on site until it can be loaded onto trucks for disposal elsewhere.

The "poo-poo choo-choo" was so named as the 60 carloads carrying more than 5,000 tons of treated material were ordered removed from the Back River plant.

GSX Land Treatment Inc., had contracted with the city Public Works department to dispose of the sludge in its thousand-acre "landfarm" in White Castle, Louisiana.

But Louisiana officials denied the train permission to unload after residents of nearby communities complained about foul odors emanating from it.

GSX then attempted to dispose of the odorous sludge in Moss Point, Mississippi, but that state also rejected the train and threatened a \$2 million-a-day fine as long as it remained.

Under orders from Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, who said he felt a "moral

obligation" to dispose of the sludge, the train was sent back to Baltimore. It arrived to an uncertain fate on Nov. 20, and sat on a rail line in Baltimore County near the Patapsco State Park for about a week.

Baltimore City and Baltimore County public works officials had

said the trainload of sludge would be

treated with lime at the Back River

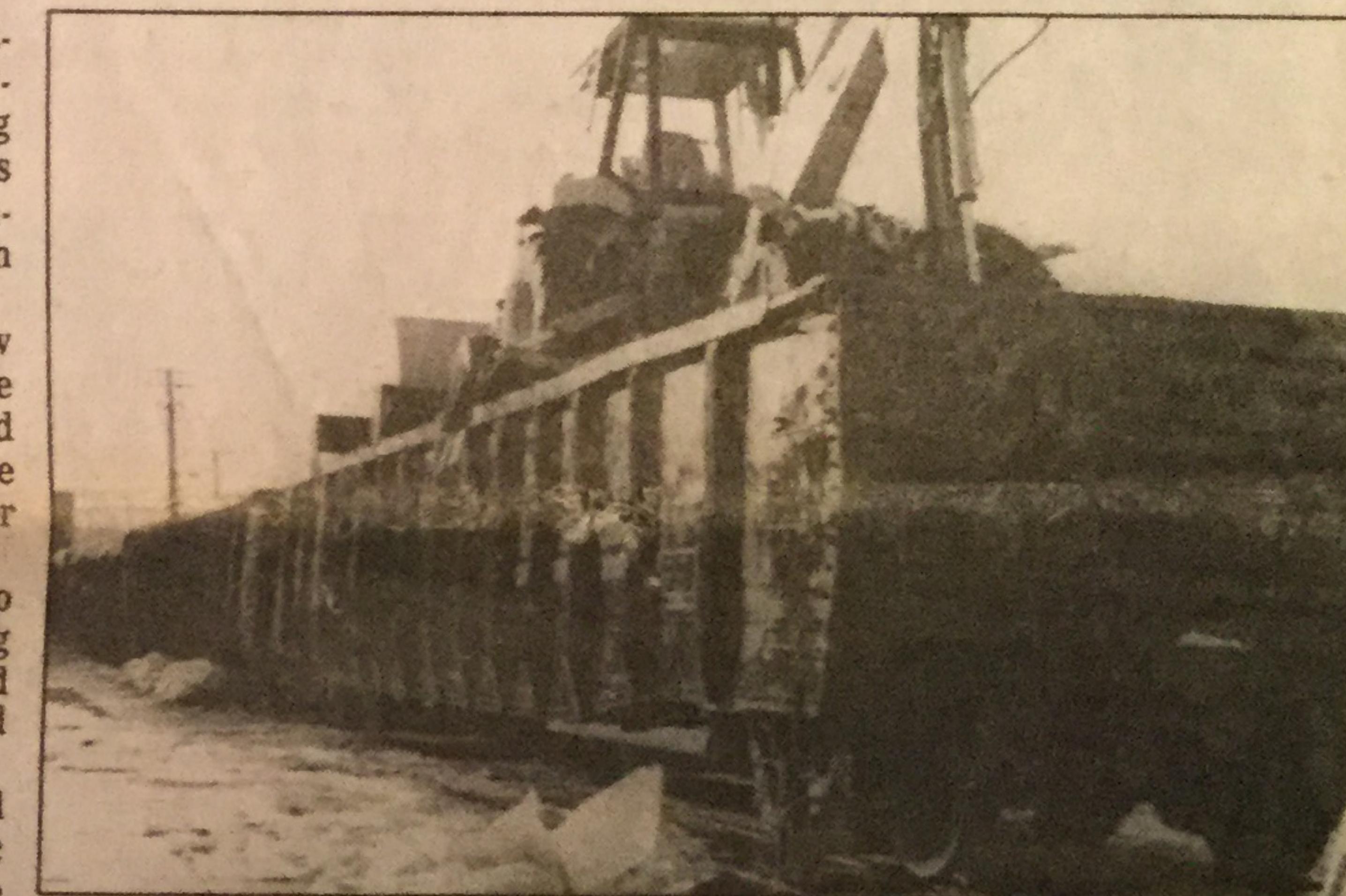
plant and then sent to another facility to be made into compost.

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However, a joint press release issued by the public works director's of both municipalities, said that "alternate methods and sites" were being considered for the sludge.

Until now, news of the train had not been heard since.

The saga of the "poo-poo choo-choo" has gained national attention and even spawned a hit song written and performed by a Louisiana couple.

School kids speak out against drugs

By BILL WAGNER
Staff Writer

The Drug Free American
Hey, I'm a little boy who is here to
say, just say no to drugs every day.
Why? Because it will make you

Bay-Brook principal Sharman Rowe said, "We thought having the kids put their feelings down in writing would fit in with that theme."

If you want to be cool! Don't be a fool! Say no to drugs!

Recycling plant planned

By BILL WAGNER
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A well-known Baltimore area waste hauler has proposed building a \$33 million trash recycling plant in Hawkins Point and only needs a zoning variance to do so.

Ferst for Baltimore, a division of F&E Stokers Inc., has submitted

Councilman assails landfill dumping policy

By BILL WAGNER

dumped at Quarantine Road.