

Staten Island

SOUTH SHORE

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Hundreds flee as 40 Willowbrook homes are emptied

Fuel line bomb cre

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Hundreds of residents and students in Willowbrook were evacuated this morning after a suspicious package "with a timing device attached" was found on top

of a fuel pipeline nearby. About 40 families on Crafton Avenue, Willowbrook Road and Wooley Avenue were told to leave their homes. PS 54 on Willowbrook Road was evacuated and the students were taken to Susan Wagner High School. Young Israel of Staten Island, which houses a pre-

school, also was evacuated. Officials on the scene said the device was found on top of a "confirmed, aviation fuel pipeline buried five feet underground. The pipeline carries jet fuel from a refinery in New Jersey through Staten Island to Kennedy Airport in Queens, according to Gwen

Williams of the Port Authority, which operates the airport. She said the incident was not affecting airport operations. The Pennsylvania-based company that operates the Buckeye Pipe Line, had information about the investigation but said the pipe also deli-