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Food poisoning hits school **300** rushed to hospitals United Press International HUGO, Okla.— Health investi-gators and school and hospital offi-cials Tuesday was all over the hospital," Shaeffer said. At Paris, Texas, McCuistion Press Market Press International said.

cials Tuesday were trying to learn the cause of apparent cases of food poisoning that sent more than 300 students and teachers to hospitals. Classes were canceled Tuesday as

School Superintendent Simon Par-ker and state Health Department officials continued their investigation.

Parker said there was a report of vandalism during the weekend at Benjamin Franklin School, but it was not known if the vandals entered the kitchen.

"Whether it was in the cafeteria or not, I don't know," Parker said of the vandalism. "They turned the fire extinguishers loose and they cut up the couch in the faculty lounge.

Parker said first and second graders ate in the cafeteria Monday with no ill effects. He said students in grades three through eight later ate in the cafeteria and were stricken with vomiting and abdominal cramps.

Tacos, okra and peach cobbler were served Monday.

Lab tests were being conducted on throat cultures and samples of vomit and food that had been air-

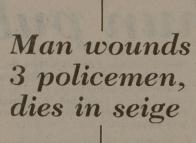
vomit and food that had been air-lifted to the state Health Depart-ment lab in Oklahoma City and at area hospitals, officials said. Students and teachers were rushed Monday to area hospitals by private car and ambulance and filled all beds in Hugo and nearby Paris, Texas, health facilities. At least three hospitals im-plemented "disaster plans," bring-ing in off-duty doctors and nurses.

ing in off-duty doctors and nurses. Choctaw County Hospital Admi-nistrator Gerald Shaeffer said the hospital admitted 58 persons and transferred 80 more to other hos-

pitals. "I don't know what they ate, but it

gional Medical Center administrator Jesse Hayes said eight patients were admitted, including one in the inten-sive care unit, and 112 were treated

Coalgate, Antlers and Idabel hos-pitals, in southeastern Oklahoma near the Texas border, also treated victims. At least 10 students were admitted at Antlers and at least four



United Press International SAN ANTONIO — A series of police bullets Tuesday killed a man who shot a policeman, barri-caded himself inside a house for nearly three hours and then charged our shooting, injuring two more officers. Police identified the victim as

Javier Sanchez, 19, who was mor-tally wounded after he opened the back door of the house where he had sought refuge and came out shooting his .357 Magnum at

offieers creeping up to the home. The siege was touched off about 11 a.m. when officer Mike Young stopped two "suspicious" young men riding a 10-speed bi-cycle near Wheatley High School, located about 10 blocks south of downtown.

Witnesses said one of the two youths pulled a small caliber pistol and shot Young in the leg and index finger. The two then ran toward a house where Sanchez

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Pelican Island bridge needs repair

United Press International GALVESTON — A draw bridge connecting Pelican and Galveston is-lands is in danger of collapsing and should be closed for repairs, said an official of the Galveston County

agency which operates the bridge. Herbert E. Schmidt, chairman of the Galveston County Navigation District, said one of two brakes on the bascule (or counterweight) bridge is out, and the second brake is being used with no beakun

"If the main brake failed and the bridge dropped, it would crash into the water," Schmidt said. "That could cut off traffic to Pelican Island for up to four years because we would need a bond issue (to build a

"The new bridge). "The new bridge would cost up to \$6 million compared with the 1955 cost of \$1.5 million for the present

he said. bridge,'

Schmidt asked the Coast Guard to close the bridge from Aug. 1 until Dec. 31 for repairs, but the Coast Guard blocked the work after shrimpers protested they would be forced to make a 22-minute trip around Pelican Island.

Schmidt said the shrimpers claimed 50 to 100 boats use the bridge when shrimp are available in western Galveston Bay, but Schmidt said records showed only two boats a day have used the bridge since Aug.

George McNeir, a spokesman for the shrimpers, said the four-month repair time is "wholly unwarranted. I could understand it if they wanted to close it for 10 or 15 days to replace the machinery, but not four or five months.

Schmidt's proposal to close the bridge has drawn support from Peli-can Island businessmen who have established the Pelican Island Organization.

20 million bees bug site of accidents

United Press International CENTRALIA, Ill. — A trailer carrying 400 double-story bee hives containing about 20 million bees, broke free of the truck's cab late Sunday on a curve on the north edge of town on U.S. 51.

State agriculture officials spent Monday rounding up the millions of bees while cleanup crews from the apiary division of the Department of Agriculture used forklifts and other

tools to clean up the wreckage. The truck, driven by Richard Ste-wart, 35, of Palm Beach, Fla., was taking the bees from Illinois farms to Florida.

