

Slouch by Jim Earle



"Could you guys figure out some other way to demonstrate how hot it is?"

Hotel tells Jacksons: 'Beat it'

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 IRVING — Officials of a posh Dallas area hotel said Michael Jackson made too much money to justify cutting room rates for him and his touring entourage.
 Jackson, his musicians and family wanted discounts on a \$1,000-a-night suite and a floor of rooms. But the Mandalay Four Seasons Hotel in Las Colinas, located between Dallas and Fort Worth, turned him away.
 "The guy makes millions of dollars, and he's trying to negotiate room rates," said Alan Battersby, spokesman for the hotel. "It's ridiculous."
 Officials said the Jacksons wanted to knock off \$4,500 from the rooms for the two-day stay.
 "Everybody is looking for a deal," said Battersby. "But we (Mandalay management) agreed not to come off the rate."
 "We're at a point where we don't need to discount. Besides, we couldn't guarantee that our other guests would have a positive experience with all the (Jackson) groupies."
 The hotel has been the host to a number of rock performers, including David Bowie, the Police and Neil Diamond, and ardent fans have "shocked" other guests, he said.

Schneider to go to FBI academy

By SARAH OATES
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 More than a year after his nomination to participate, Texas A&M University Police Chief Elmer Schneider Jr. will attend his first class Monday at what a former FBI agent has referred to as the "West Point of law enforcement": the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.
 "For a person who is in career law enforcement, this is a great opportunity," Schneider said in a recent interview.
 Schneider is the first officer from the University Police Department to attend the National Academy's rigorous 11-week training program. Other area graduates include the Democratic nominee for Brazos County Sheriff, Howard Hill, five Bryan Police officers and four College Station Police officers.
 In 1972, Bryan Police Chief Charles Phelps became the first officer from a surrounding 14-county area to attend the National Academy.
 Only 200 officers are allowed to attend each of the four yearly training sessions. Law enforcement agencies from all over the world, such as Scotland Yard, are represented at the program.
 The course emphasizes leadership training and, currently, one out of every six National Academy graduates is the head of a department.
 The entrance standards are tough and the waiting list is so long that candidates can expect to wait for at least a year to get in.
 Officers who wish to attend the

National Academy must be nominated by a department head and an FBI agent. If the candidate is the department head, he can be sponsored by the mayor or city manager, or he can nominate himself.
 After being nominated, the candidate is investigated by the FBI. A doctor must also certify that the candidate is in good physical condition and can withstand extended physical stress.
 Other requirements include a "serious commitment to law enforcement as a public service," five years of law enforcement experience and a high school diploma or equivalency certificate.
 Candidates who meet the standards are formally invited to participate in the training program.
 Before retiring from the FBI in 1980, Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic for the University Police Department and a former FBI agent, sponsored every area police officer who attended the National Academy. Since his retirement, three College Station police officers have attended the classes.
 Wiatt sponsored Schneider, and has also nominated for the program two other University Police officers, Maj. Mike Ragan, assistant police chief, and Maj. Jack Bruce, assistant director of special services.
 Wiatt said that although it is not a requirement, most of the National Academy candidates are "near the top of the management ladder."
 "You have to train constantly in law enforcement," Wiatt said in an interview Tuesday. "This is the epitome of training. The FBI Academy

is the best because it's constantly updating its classes," he said.
 "For people in management, it's the icing on the cake."
 Schneider came to Texas A&M as an agricultural education major in 1967. He was hired by the University Police Department as a part-time dispatcher in 1970 and worked his way up through the ranks to become assistant police chief.
 His enjoyment in working with the University community for a time overshadowed Schneider's academic career, but he found time to complete his degree in 1977. He became Chief of the University Police Department in February 1983.
 In March 1983, Wiatt nominated Schneider to attend the National Academy.
 Schneider says he is looking forward to learning new management techniques and that he wants to bring back ideas and information on crime prevention.
 "In terms of applying what I learn to Texas A&M, I hope this training will enable me to benefit new officers' personal development," Schneider said.
 "This is a great opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other people in law enforcement."
 The National Academy stresses leadership training in police work, but students also must take a variety of classes in behavioral science, forensic science, law, sociology, psychology, criminology, political science, education and communication.
 Schneider will graduate from the National Academy on Sept. 14.

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