



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

Fall 2011

An update from the National Guard Youth Challenge Program

Director's View



With the start of the new State of California fiscal year in July, I am pleased to report that Grizzly Youth Academy has been able to expand the number of students it serves and is funded for 175 Cadets per class cycle. With decreasing state revenues and a retraction of state government resources, the Challenge program at Camp San Luis Obispo has been able to weather the fiscal cutbacks well due in large part to continued excellent support from the Youth Programs higher headquarters staff in Sacramento. Speaking of staff I am pleased to report that the Youth Programs directorate in the California Military Department in

Sacramento has been expanded and renamed as the Youth and Community Programs Task Force and is headed by Brigadier General James Gabrielli.

The academy is beginning work on producing a new recruiting video and Public Service Announcements (PSA's) under a contract with a local media producer, Highlight Media, located in San Luis Obispo. Highlight Media has worked on a number of video projects locally for a variety of non-profit organizations and is excited to partner with Grizzly on this project. We expect to have the new recruiting video finished by the end of 2011.

Another exciting partnership was solidified this past summer with the selection as a partner site with the Cal Poly University based AmeriCorps program. One of 27 partner agencies locally in San Luis Obispo, Grizzly was able to hire full-time an AmeriCorps member in the Volunteer Infrastructure Program (V.I.P.) for a ten month contract term from August 2011 through June 2012. KC Urbani, a recent graduate of the University of Oregon who attended Cal Poly for two years, was hired and we are excited to have KC join our team. Her responsibilities include increasing the number of volunteers for the organization as well working on various projects to include the newsletter, Family Day events, organization of a reunion in the spring of 2012, as well as a host of other duties. Welcome aboard KC!

One of the projects that was undertaken beginning in February, 2011 was the idea of getting the G.E.D. testing age changed from 17 years, 10 months old, to 17 years old for Challenge Cadets. Local state Senator Sam Blakeslee introduced legislation, Senate Bill 461, in February 2011, and after several hearings in both the Assembly and Senate Education Committees, the bill was sent to the Governor for signature. Governor Brown signed the bill and it will become effective Jan 1, 2012. While going through both legislative bodies the bill was amended to expand its coverage to any student in a "credit recovery program" and limited it to students who had less than 100 credits. The bill will in its amended form still serve to significantly increase the number of Grizzly Cadets who will now be able to take the GED at 17 years old. Thanks to GYA Charter School Principal Paul Piette for his efforts in helping get this important bill passed as well the local advisory board and former graduates and parents who testified in Sacramento. Your help in getting this bill passed is truly appreciated. And lastly thank you to Senator Sam Blakeslee and his staff for all their efforts in getting the bill introduced and passed. *Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It!*

John C. Oberg, Major, CSMR
Director



Class 27 Cadets use all their strength in a tug-of-war game between all four Grizzly Games teams on the final day of Grizzly Games this October.

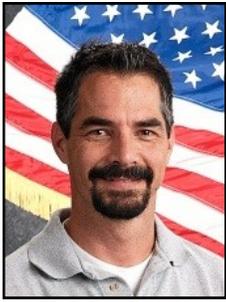


During Pre Challenge Grizzly Candidates climbed a rope as part of an obstacle course that all of the Candidates went through.

Are you ready to accept the challenge?

Grizzly Youth Academy is now accepting applications for the class that begins January 14th, 2012. If you have the desire to change your life, contact us at 1-800-926-0643

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Teaching the Skills Needed for the 21st Century

By Paul Piette, Principal

Teaching and learning at Grizzly Youth Academy aims to prepare all students to compete and succeed in their chosen college or career. Technology is at the heart of 21st Century learning and all students must become proficient using technology. Some students enter our program with extensive computer backgrounds while many students enter with minimal computer experience and greatly deficient in their access and use of computers. In today's world, it is essential that we provide our students with the tools and experience necessary to compete in their chosen career or college. Grizzly Youth Academy is a leader in developing the 21st century skills as they relate to technology and collaboration. Each student is issued a laptop computer (netbook) when they enroll in our school that they use extensively in all classes to access curriculum, work together on projects, complete assignments, and demonstrate mastery on assessments.

Examples of student work include creating a multimedia project, using PhotoStory, to demonstrate their learning on The Great Depression, participating in a discussion thread with all classmates on the importance of the Bill of Rights, working individually at their own pace to build any fundamental math skills that they may be deficient in, researching colleges, careers, and the requirements needed to pursue their goals, creating a presentation on the dangers and consequences of substance abuse, creating a realistic household budget based on actual jobs and expected income for an 18 year old that includes costs of a car, insurance, housing, food, entertainment, and clothing. Examples of distance learning classes that students at the Academy take are Spanish, Geography, and Algebra II. Technology is being used in diverse ways and subjects to meet the needs of our students and while students are using technology to access coursework and demonstrate learning they are also gaining rich experience with the tools themselves and becoming proficient users of technology with skills that will transfer to every job or career they may pursue.

To make such an undertaking work efficiently the proper infrastructure and safeguards needs to be in place. All campus buildings have a sophisticated wireless network that allows users to move and roam from building to building seamlessly without needing to reconnect to any network. Students have wireless networks set up in their barracks study halls as well so that after school hours when students are no longer on campus they can still access files and the Internet to complete their tasks.

Our expectation is that every student who completes our program will be proficient in using technology and at a minimum understand how to use the Office Suite software, conduct research on the Internet, create multimedia projects that demonstrates their understanding of course curriculum, participate in discussion threads online, access and complete exams online and for many of our students take at least one distance learning class that is accessed solely via the Internet. Our ultimate goal is for our students to live a happy and productive life and we believe that we need to empower our students with as much knowledge and as many skills that we can, while they are in our program, so that they can use their momentum to continue achieving great things.

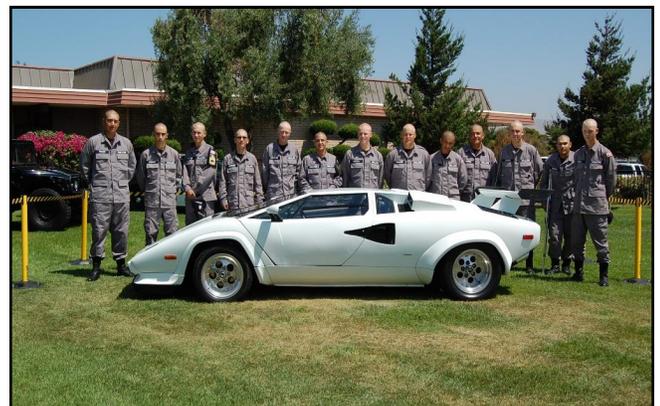
Class 27 Helps a Grizzly Graduate in Need

This June Grizzly Youth Academy Graduate Marine Lance Corporal Cody Elliott suffered severe injuries after stepping on an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) while serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. For one of 1st platoons first community service events they helped with a fundraiser for Elliott's family that was held at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. The funds raised helped Cody's family pay for medical expenses as well as other costs such as traveling across the country to visit their son while he was being treated at the National Naval Hospital in Maryland. There was a tri-tip BBQ, auction and a spokesperson from the Marines that was a guest speaker. Cody Elliott was in 1st platoon while he was here at Grizzly during Class 18 so it made the community service even more meaningful for the current cadets that are in the same platoon.



Above: 1st platoon surrounds Grizzly Graduate Cody Elliott's family at a fundraising event at the Elks Club in Santa Maria in August. Elliott suffered life threatening injuries in June while serving with the Marine Corps in Afghanistan.

Below: Cadets from 1st platoon pose with a Grizzly Staff member's vehicle that people could pay to take a picture with as part of the fundraiser for Elliott's family.



Grizzly Support Shines at Family Day

By KC Urbani, V.I.P. AmeriCorps Member

Family Day for Class 27 was held on September 10th and was a memorable day full of family, mentors, friends, wonderful food and fun. The Cadets were anxious and excited to get to see their loved ones again. They spent many hours practicing and perfecting their platoons' drill and ceremony performances as well as making sure their uniforms were in top condition. Cadet Joey Salinas from 1st platoon describes the feeling of waiting in the wings before going out to perform in front of family and friends, "I was nervous and jittery before we went out as well as looking for my family. However, once we started I was focused on what the Platoon Guide was saying so I wouldn't mess up." The feeling of wanting to show their friends and family how much they have changed and improved was shared by most of the Cadets that day.

After the Platoons' amazing drill performances the Cadets were released to an emotional reunion with their families they got to enjoy some of their favorite meals ranging from BBQ chicken to tostadas and many other home cooked favorites. Additionally some of the Cadets, family members and friends headed over to the food court to have some of the fantastic food prepared by SFC Danny Castillo and his amazing group of volunteers. Costco was a huge supporter and donated food to the Family Day Food Court allowing more money to go to support GYA. Meanwhile some of the children enjoyed the bounce house and all the other fun carnival games that SPC Elizabeth Atchison organized and had the help of many great volunteers putting on.

The Silent Auction, everything else table and 50/50 were a huge success thanks to all of the generous donations from Grizzly families! We had over 200 baskets that were donated and bid on throughout the day and then taken home by lucky new owners. SSG Simone Hosey, formally SSG Holt, did an outstanding job organizing and coordinating the entire area and volunteers so that the entire day ran smoothly. Many thanks to our extremely generous 50/50 winner Tommy Sutherland that donated the half that he won back to Grizzly Youth Academy! What a bighearted donation that will continue to help our program provide the level of services and support that we currently provide for the cadets. Additionally, the T-Shirt sales run by Warrant Officer Austin Miller were a great success and many thanks go out to Jack Robinson and Heidi Soultz for their hard work and continued support of Grizzly Youth Academy. However, the entire day would not have run so smoothly had it not been for all the hard work from SFC Contreras and SPC Barrera from our logistics department, thank you!

Overall, we are so thankful for all the hard work that went into making Family Day such a success and wonderful day for the Cadets, their friends and family and the entire staff here at Grizzly Youth Academy.



Cadet Konzelman, 3rd Platoon, enjoyed spending the day with his family during Class 27 Family Day that took place September 10th.

Big Thank You to the following volunteers:

Grizzly Alumni and Community Support:

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* = Returning Volunteer

Grizzly Cadets Head To The Races

By SSG Tina Scrudato, Case Manager

Grizzly cadets had the opportunity to accompany Major John Oberg to the 2011 Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma at Infineon Raceway on August 27th and 28th. Current Cadets Joey Salinas 1st Platoon, Lucas Thompson 2nd Platoon, Sheldon Santos and Dylan McCaskill, 3rd Platoon, Alexandria Jenkins and Mayra Salinas-Sanchez 4th Platoon were invited to attend the weekend of races, as well as Grizzly Graduates Antonio Brazeal, Francisco Hernandez, James Lehman and Keri Rohrer. Panther Racing recognized the current Cadets and Graduates in attendance along with the Grizzly Youth Challenge Program for their leadership and efforts to make a difference in the lives of youth. Cadet Lucas Thompson of second platoon spoke to Community Leaders, and Corporate sponsors of Panther Racing about his experience at the academy and the goals he has set for his future.

The Cadets were excited to meet JR Hildebrand, the 2009 Firestone Indy Lights Champion as well as spokesperson for the National Guard Youth Foundation and current driver for Panther Racing honoring National Guard soldiers. Cadet Sheldon Santos of first platoon said his favorite part was access to the Pit area where he was able to see the cars up close and meet the drivers. Cadets spent an exciting weekend filled with qualifying races, vendor booths with exhibits, Indy Car simulators and delicious food.

We continue to feel honored and are forever grateful for the National Guard Youth Foundation and all of its partners for providing this experience and their continued support of our Cadets .



1. At the Indy Grand Prix race in Sonoma Cadet Jenkins, 4th Platoon, addressed a group of spectators and spoke about her experience at Grizzly Youth Academy. 2. Grizzly Cadets and Graduates that attended the Indy Races in Sonoma enjoyed access to the Pit area and getting to see the National Guard Indy Car up close and personal. 3. Cadet Jenkins, 4th platoon and Cadet McCaskill took the Indy Car simulators that were on display at the races in Sonoma out for a virtual spin.

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Employee News

The following Grizzly Youth Academy staff have been recognized and voted on by other Grizzly staff as the Employee of the Quarter. They were selected based on demonstrating outstanding performance in their position as judged by their peer's. Congratulations to the following Employee of the Quarter Award winners:

July – September 2010



Sergeant Fernando Gonzalez has been employed at Grizzly Youth Academy since Aug. 2005 and is currently assigned as a Squad Leader. A graduate of Grizzly Youth Academy Class 7 in 2001, SGT Gonzalez went on to work with other at-risk youth in Tulare County at La Sierra Academy before coming to work at GYA. He currently works with the GYA Drill Team as an additional duty assignment and is an outstanding mentor to Cadets as they attend the academy. Sergeant Gonzalez is also a member of the California State Military Reserve.

Specialist Sarahy Barrera has been employed at GYA since Nov, 2006 and is currently assigned as a Logistics Specialist. Her responsibilities include providing all required supply items for Cadets and staff, purchase order preparation, vehicle management, building maintenance requests, and a host of other duties. SPC Barrera is also a member of the California Army National Guard. Her peers recognize the tremendous amount of effort that she puts forward to serve the needs of the Cadets and staff on a daily basis.



October – December 2010



Warrant Officer Austin Miller has been employed at GYA since May, 2010 and is currently assigned as a Counselor. Prior to being employed at the academy, WO1 Miller taught school in the Oakland area and was an instructor for the Sexual Assault Recovery Program in San Luis Obispo. A recent graduate of the State Military Reserve Warrant Officer course, Austin distinguished himself by achieving the highest academic average in his class. Austin is a member of the State Military Reserve as well.

Staff Sergeant Aaron Burgess has been employed at Grizzly since Dec, 2007 and is currently assigned as a Squad Leader. Prior to coming to GYA, SSgt Burgess was on Active Duty with the U.S. Army for nearly 8 years prior to joining the Air National Guard in Utah and California. Currently he is assigned as a Security Policeman with the 146th Security Forces Squadron as a reservist in addition to his full-time duties at the academy.



January – March 2011



Specialist Elizabeth Atchison has been employed at Grizzly since Nov, 2009 and is currently assigned as a Recruiting, Placement, and Mentoring Assistant. Prior to employment at GYA, SPC Atchison worked as a In-Home caregiver for five years including two years of self-employment. She has attended Cuesta College and is currently a member of the California State Military Reserve. She enjoys working with the Cadets on their life plans and with Cadets in the Post-Residential phase and is a member of the State Military Reserve.

April – June 2011

Sergeant Angel Salcido has been employed at Grizzly since Apr, 2010 and is currently assigned as a Squad Leader. Prior to employment at GYA, Sergeant Salcido was in the Marine Corps for eight years and worked in private industry. He recently attended the National ChalleNGe Institute Cadre Course and is a great mentor to the Cadets he works with on a daily basis. He is also a member of the State Military Reserve.



Sergeant Daniel Glasgow has been employed with Grizzly since October, 2008 as the Medical Services Supervisor. SGT Glasgow has been a member of the Army National Guard since 2003 as a Health Care Specialist (Medic) and maintains an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. SGT Glasgow enjoys working with the Cadets and serving their health care needs.

MEDICAL MUSINGS

By SSG Daniel Glasgow, Medical Services Supervisor

Greetings to all! And welcome to another exciting update in the realm of all things medical here at Grizzly Youth Academy. I am SGT Glasgow, the medical Supervisor here at the Academy. A brief history on myself; I have been a Combat Medic for the Army National Guard for the last 8 years, I have been deployed twice in that time. Before my military carrier started, I worked in emergency services both on an ambulance and in the hospital, servicing Basic and Advanced life saving calls. I also worked for a school district in Orange County where I taught alternative P.E. to high school students.

Now let me introduce my medical team. First, SSG Brown serves as another Medic here at the academy. He also has served as a flight medic with the Air Force for 12+ years. Next is our RN (nurse)! With almost 40 years of experience, Nurse Jane is truly an asset to this academy. We also have a Physician's Assistant Jose Jimenez and Doctor Frank Mazzone that come into our office at least once a week.

Our staff also has assisted in developing the academies Physical Fitness Program to ensure safety along with proper technique of physical training exercises.

Grizzly Youth Academy Contracts with a local Urgent Care for anything that may require immediate attention. We also have relationships with dental facilities, an optometrist, and a Local Emergency room for those Cadets that 'play' a little too hard! This Medical Department has been set up to take care of almost any medical treatment our Cadet's require. Our mission here is to provide our Cadets treatment that will both quickly aid them to recovery and educate them on how they can maintain their health.

I am also pleased to announce that because of our recent developed relationship with the San Luis Obispo County Health Department, we can now offer our Cadets the Tdap (whooping cough) vaccine, which is now required by most California school districts, and the Flu vaccine at no charge. The Cadet voluntarily elects to receive either one of the vaccines offered or declines, their option.

Well, I hope that this has given you a good overview of the Medical department, it's personnel and function here at the Grizzly Youth Academy. I invite you to contact me if you have any comments or concerns. I am always eager to improve this facility! So, thanks again for allowing me this brief introduction and opportunity to serve you. Take Care.

It Takes A Village

By WO1 Salisha Hile, Counselor

Whoever said that raising a child was easy? Most parents work full-time, have household responsibilities, and still need to find time to raise a "good" child. Parents are suppose to have eyes on the back of their heads, know the background of all of their children's friends, keep their children away from gangs, drugs, and any other bad influence. Do they sell a giant bubble that you can put your child in? If they do, I want one. I want an owner's manual. Shouldn't they give you one with the birth of every child? So, what does it really take to raise a child? Hard work, dedication, unconditional love, compassion, and never giving up on them no matter how angry they make you. Parenting is a pretty daunting task if you ask me. Parenting requires support and lots of it. Most parents don't know where to look. Something I've learned over the years is to look within your community. There are community based parenting classes, support groups, counseling centers, volunteer organizations, and religious groups. Although none of these are a fix-all, they can provide much needed support.

Important Dates

Oct. 28th

CAREER DAY AND PICTURE DAY

Nov. 23th-27th

2nd HOME PASS

Dec. 1st

DINING IN

Dec. 4th

**JANUARY CLASS APPLICATION
DEADLINE!**

Dec. 16th

GRADUATION!!

Passing the Baton

By SFC Danny Castillo, RPM Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Recruitment, Placement and Mentoring (RPM) Coordinator. As some of you may know, Suzy Elwell retired last December as the RPM Coordinator after 13 years at Grizzly Youth Academy. I was promoted from Mentor Coordinator to RPM Coordinator earlier this year in May and SSG Simone Hosey, formerly SSG Holt, was promoted to Mentor Coordinator. She has been a recruiter, case manager and adjunct trainer for Dare Mighty Things with the National Challenge Institute over her 11 years at Grizzly Youth Academy. SSG Hosey has a very big heart and is passionate about helping the Cadets here at Grizzly. I feel confident passing the Mentor Coordinator position to her and I know that SSG Hosey will do an outstanding job in the position.

As I take time to reflect back on my time as the Mentor Coordinator there are so many experiences that have made my time so rich. However, one of the opportunities that I enjoyed the most was getting to meet and speak with Mentors throughout the state. Our outstanding mentors come from all walks of life to join together to accomplish one common goal of helping and assisting these young people. I know from personal experience the commitment and time it takes to mentor a young person and therefore value the time our mentors invest even more so.

The RPM department has been honored as the best all-around mentoring program in the nation and the staff's hard work and dedication is much to credit for this honor. Additionally, the entire Academy's staff understanding of the important role of our volunteer Mentors has been integral to our success in the RPM department. I look forward to coming to work every day to see how our staff and I can help youth make a positive change in their lives.

To all our past, present and future Mentors: we could not accomplish our mission without you, thank you for volunteering!



The Voice of the Cadets

By Cadet Lucas Thompson in collaboration with the Student Council

It's Finals Week at Grizzly Youth Academy, and the cadets of class 27 are under pressure, as any high school student would be, but confident none the less. The schools average G.P.A. is 3.32 which proves that our cadets on base are studying hard and ready as ever for the ChalleNGe ahead. The "Day & Night" improvement of our Cadets commitment to school is magnificent, leading students, and family members, to be at ease with the ideas of a successful future. With the daily routine of getting up, ready, fed, and marching to school together, it's no wonder that the school truancy is at a zero. This is a significant improvement for some, and what seemed to be a dream for others. Cadets are also incredibly motivated for the second home pass of the class 27. They've been working hard for over 4 months, away from families, friends, and everything that they've grown accustomed to at their homes. On Wednesday November 23rd they get a weekend off after what seemed to be a lifetime of hardships. This will be a joyous time to celebrate family and spend time with their mentor over a Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

In other news, the cadet student council elections took place on August 26th and 2nd platoon's very own Cadet Arenas was elected the student council president. On that note, the student council is free to organize the key events that come with Academy life such as: socials or gatherings of the academy to have fun and socialize (which is rare at a military academy) and dine-ins or formal military dinner gatherings. With the student council now speaking for the cadets, information may freely jump directly from its source (the cadets) to the people in charge who need to hear it (ISG Barbosa and Major Oberg). It's a key jump in the chain of command that gives the cadets a little more power. Altogether, the student council gives the cadets a little more security in the thought that they are being considered by student representatives.

All in all, Grizzly Youth Academy has opened many doors for many people and will continue to expand for years to come.

Class 27 Student Council

Andrew Arenas, President
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Lucas Thompson
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Alexandria Jenkins
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Because I Said So

By WO1 Salisha Hile, Counselor

Don't under-estimate the power of quality time. Take your child to do something that you know they will enjoy and get them to talk to you. There's nothing like a round of miniature golf, go-carting, getting a pedicure, taking a walk, going to dinner, taking a picnic lunch to the park, etc. to get the conversation started. Find out what is on their mind and their biggest concerns. Help them work through these concerns. If you don't feel like you can help them with their concerns, then find someone who can. Worst case scenario, be a good listener. The number one complaint that I hear from teenagers is that their parents don't listen to them. A good test to see if you are listening is to summarize what is said and repeat it back to your teenager. This will ensure that you are concentrating on what is being said and not what you are going to say next.

Do you ever find yourself ending your sentences with "because I'm the parent that's why" or "because I told you so?" These are such clever parenting phrases. I find that I use them from time to time with my own children when I don't feel like discussing a particular issue. I know that as parents we like to "win" arguments so that our child is reminded that we are in control. However, I propose a new strategy to you. Try something different- come up with a compromise. The reality is that by the time your child is 16 or 17, they are nearly adults. At some point we have to start trusting them and the decisions they make. Or at least trusting that we raised them the best we could and that the values & morals we've instilled are inside them somewhere. I bet if we think back really far, we can remember a time when we made a bad decision or two but we somehow made it through to adulthood. Look at us now raising kids of our own. Maybe we should have picked up the manual on how to be the "perfect" parent.

A Post Residential Victory

In the last newsletter Mentor Dennis Shelly wrote describing the amazing change he saw in his Cadet from Class 24. Shelly recently wrote in to update us at Grizzly of his progress and achievements since leaving Grizzly Youth Academy:

There was never a more glorious and happy occasion than on June 2nd of this year to see him in his cap and gown walk across that stage and receive his H.S. diploma. He was enormously happy as he later was congratulated by family members and friends. When he spotted his counselor he called him over and shared the warmest of embraces, with his counselor repeating the words, 'you did it, you did it.' What a moment. And Grizzly made it all possible.

It was only 18 months ago that he realized that in the middle of his junior year of high school he was a full year behind in his credits towards graduation. With an enormous boost from his experiences at Grizzly he not only gained back nearly half of those credits but was given the hope and the sense of empowerment that enabled him to graduate with his high school class.

I truly believe that Aaron is an amazing person, and that Grizzly is an amazing program. Thank you, for the experience and opportunity this provided for the bond between Aaron and I. I am hopeful that I will be able to put the strength of that bond to good use in helping him in his future endeavors.

This is a great story of success, but there are so many similar stories that have come out of Grizzly. Grizzly Youth Academy equips the Cadets with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful once they leave the residential phase and return to their next phase of life, "the post residential phase".



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