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Caitlin Barrow, clockwise from top, Laura Estrada, Ali Perry and Matt Wall are the core of Glynn Peace - Youth Division, a group formed by students at Glynn Academy in November.

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PROMOTING PEACE

GLYNN ACADEMY STUDENTS ENCOURAGE ALTERNATIVES FOR DEALING WITH VIOLENCE

By **CODY TRAWICK**
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"Until the philosophy which holds one race superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned, everywhere is war ... and until that day, the dream of lasting peace, world citizenship, rule of international morality, will remain but a fleeting illusion to be pursued, but never attained ... everywhere is war."

— **Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia, 1971**

Nineteen. That's how many lives were lost at the hand of another in Glynn County in 2007, up from a total of just two in all of 2006.

As of March 2008, on the anniversary of the five year-conflict known as Operation Iraqi Freedom, the total number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq had reportedly topped 4,000.

Until these instances knock at the proverbial door, or occur right down the street, that's all they are: Statistics.

There's a group of kids in Glynn County, however, concerned with not only stressing the significance of peace

among their own peers, but to people in their community, nation and world, as well.

Glynn Peace - Youth Division was formed in November by a group of Glynn Academy seniors as an offshoot of the adult group known as Glynn Peace.

Since that time, the ranks of the organization - which meets at least once a month - have swelled to approximately 20 teens.

"I had been involved in certain activities with Glynn Peace," said Caitlin Barrow, a 17-year-old Glynn Academy senior. "But I basically felt like if we could get more kids our age involved, then we could pass the awareness of both the financial and human cost of violence along to younger generations."

Barrow described the group's primary aim as supporting and ultimately bringing servicemen and women home from Iraq, while at the same time building public support throughout the Golden Isles for a peaceful end.

Having participated in a host of marches organized by the adult branch of the organization throughout 2007 and so far in 2008, the group utilizes

the main post office branch in downtown Brunswick as a base of operation.

That's also where the office of District 1 U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston is located.

According to Laura Estrada, a 17-year-old senior at the school, it's an initiative that's grown in time.

"It was really just a mutual passion for promoting nonviolent solutions," she said, noting that the apathy of young people often hinders concern for both community and world views. "That's been one challenge for us; sometimes it's difficult to find people with the drive to show a (genuine) concern for change. That's a major part of what we're trying to do."

Ali Perry, an 18-year-old senior at GA, said that there are a number of factors on the local, national and global levels that contribute to violence.

"There's poverty, political unrest, prejudice," she said. "All of these are factors that lead to people becoming (disillusioned) with their government and, ultimately, with each other."

"But I think that a major part of it is education, and a major part of that begins with awareness."

Regarding community violence, Matt Wall, an 18-year-old GA senior, related that the solutions begin at home.

"It's about living a peaceful lifestyle," he said. "I think that if you (instill) that at a young age, then that's something most people are going to carry with them."

A heightened level of involvement, one stemming from awareness, is the group's main aim at present, said Barrow.

"We're really just trying to get our numbers up, get the word out," she said. "We're in the process of working on a memorial for veterans for Memorial Day, and we've been planning a series of fundraisers (to benefit) Iraqi refugees."

"The more people who realize how serious these issues are, the more we can accomplish."



Raise your voice: For information on upcoming Glynn Peace Youth Division events and membership, send an e-mail to glynnpeaceyouth@yahoo.com or check out the group on Facebook.com by searching for Glynn Peace - Youth Division. You can also visit the group's [MySpace](http://MySpace.com) page by visiting www.myspace.com/glynnpeaceyouthdivision.

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Tell me what's on your minds

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What up, y'all.

I'm not gonna lie to you on this one - it was a fairly slow week with regard to "Txt Cody," but that's cool. It probably means you've been spending more time out in this great weather we've been having than on a cell phone. Not a negative in the least.

I did get this one picture via cell phone (below), and if I was only going to get one, I couldn't have asked for a better one. Props to Amy for that.

At any rate, I thought I'd take some time to fill you in on some recent events.

This is my last full week here at The News, which means next week's Edge will be my last. The Edge isn't going anywhere, but I am.

I've been writing for this section (save for about a four-month hiatus in between) for nearly two years, and it's been great. But we'll have plenty of time for good-byes next week.

In the meantime, I wanted to throw this out there for next week's big story (the one in the middle of the page). I read an article in Time Magazine not too long ago in which the theme was "10 Ideas that are changing the world."

This got me to thinking.

Listed below (in no particular order) are 10 issues that seem to be the most prevalent facing us on a contemporary global level. What I'd like to know is which ones you find the most pressing.

E-mail me, text me, call me, whatever's easiest - just pick one or two and give me your explanation on why you feel it's the most important issue facing our world today, and it will run in next week's Edge.

Give me some straight-up feedback here, peeps, and let me hear from you one more time.

1. The economy
2. The environment
3. Technology (choose any form)
4. Religion and beliefs
5. Poverty and wealth
6. Entertainment, pop culture and the media
7. Worldwide terrorism
8. Relations between dominant powers
9. Education
10. Energy needs

THIS WEEK'S TEXT RESPONSES:

- How come people who have to take AP exams have to take EOCT (End of Course Test) too? It's ridiculous.
- J.F. - received 3:16 p.m., April 22
- Ice cream truck song needs to be updated ... I hear it outside my room. Im gonna throw something at that guy.
- "" - received 4:22 p.m., April 22



My view from SSI lighthouse - **Amy S.**
Received 6:34 p.m., April 17

WORTH REPEATING



"I am so excited to let fans in on how important my relationship with my family is to me. I hope to motivate mothers and daughters to build lifetimes of memories together and inspire kids around the world to live their dreams."

- **Miley Cyrus**, 15, of Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana" series, on writing her memoirs, to be published next spring.

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Comics and movie trailers and more online



Welcome to another installment of Download This, your one-stop shop for all things Internet. Sometimes we talk music, sometimes we talk podcasts and sometime we delve into weird videos.

Some of it comes from my own surfing, while much of it is passed along. Either way, never a dull moment here. Who knows what the new week will bring?

But enough intro. Let's see what we have today ...

PvPOnline.com - When it comes to Web comics, the gold standard is pretty much agreed upon by all to be PvP. You really can lose hours at a time at this site, perusing the comics that are offered up here. Cutting edge, gut-wrenchingly funny and pretty much what you wish every comics page could be. The site is also extremely popular, as PvP has now branched out into the print media with collections that you can buy and

make your bookshelf that much funnier. If you get a chance, check out the podcasts that are offered up as well.

The Spirit trailer - Why give time to a coming attraction that you've never heard of before? Well, besides it being based on a faded fictional icon, this flick marks the directorial debut of Frank Miller. Name sound familiar? It should, as this is the guy who wrote the source material for "Sin City" and "300." DarkHorizons.com has a teaser trailer up. Speaking of movie stuff online ...

G.I. Joe pics - Nostalgia mining is still big business, and "The Transformers" was a mega-hit last year, proving there's still gold in them thar hills. Summer's big blockbuster-to-be is yet another blast from the '80s. Plot details have already leaked, and now pictures of the cast from the live action "G.I. Joe" movie have made their way online and things look interesting. Head over to WWWTDD.com to check them out. Me? I was upset that there's no photo of my long-time hero and childhood role, Cobra Commander. Yeah, he

was the bad guy, what's your point?

New York ComiCon footage - I've never made any bones about the fact that I'm a geek, so don't act surprised that, due to the wonders of modern technology, I flipped when I found actual video footage of my favorite writers, artists and, yes, even actors, talking ... well, comics. Head over to Newsarama.com to get your nerd fill.

That does it for this week. I had thought about reviewing Mariah Carey's new album, but, you know ... no. Until next week, keep the e-mails coming to downloadthis@excite.com.