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A Best Buy customer pays cash to purchase the game Grand Theft Auto IV in Mountain View, Calif. The long-awaited title from developer Rockstar Games was released on Tuesday.

GAMING | 'Grand Theft Auto IV'

Violent new release flies off the shelves

The Associated Press

There's no Burger King tie-in or special flavor of Mountain Dew. No commercial directed by Peter Jackson, or even an action figure. The run-up to "Grand Theft Auto IV" has been considerably less ballyhooed than last year's over-the-top "Halo 3" debut.

Yet copies of "GTA IV" flew off store shelves upon its release Tuesday. Some say the latest entry in the controversial video game franchise could be the most lucrative

launch in entertainment history.

Players all over the world were planning to call in sick on the release date. Some Hollywood analysts have even expressed concern that "GTAIV" could put a dent in the box office for "Iron Man," which opens Friday in theaters.

According to the Entertainment Software Rating Board, "GTAIV" includes "intense violence, blood, strong language, strong sexual content, partial nudity and use of drugs and alcohol." (PARENT ALERT!) Developer Rockstar Games has been

generous about letting us know what else we can expect, particularly in the game's all-new multiplayer modes.

There's the typical kill-or-be-killed deathmatch; a "cops 'n crooks" team game; and races, with or without weapons. There are also events where teams can compete to steal the most cars or perform other contract jobs for the mob.

Altogether, Rockstar is promising at least a dozen multiplayer games, which should keep the rabid fan base happy long after they've completed the "GTAIV" solo adventure.

GENERATION N NEXT

What are the most pressing issues we face today and in the years to come?

By **CODY TRAWICK**
The Brunswick News

No doubt about it, times are changing and always will be.

We often hear the 21st century described as the "age of information," but with rising gas costs, a heightened emphasis on sustainability and energy, widespread fear of global terrorism and an increasingly vehement call for environmental awareness, it would be hard to identify one issue that's most relevant to this and future generations.

Last week, I asked you to comment on some of the pressing issues facing us today, and gave you some ideas to start: The economy, the environment, technology, religion and beliefs, poverty and wealth, entertainment and pop culture, worldwide terrorism, relations between dominant powers, education and energy needs

Thanks to all of you who responded; here's what you had to say:

Issue: Economy

"The fuel cost is unbelievably high. I own a diesel. The lowest price in (Brunswick) is 3.99."

— Rachel Taylor, Brunswick

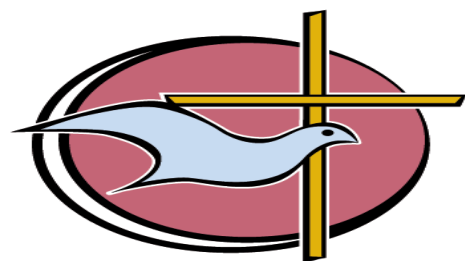
Issue: Media

"I thought I'd text you about the most important issue facing our world – the media. The media constantly surrounds everyone with wrong ideas, such as (that) violence is OK which influences many people toward violence. For example, the third graders in Waycross probably got the idea to kill their teacher from movies or TV. This issue will only get worse with time, which is why I believe it is the most pressing."

— Brittany, eighth grade, St. Francis Xavier School

Issue: Education

"I think that education problems are the most important because the way we are taught and what we learn affects the



changes we make when we get older."
— Jennifer Fosnow, junior, Brunswick High School

"Education is without a doubt the greatest problem today. This is because a lack of good education is what has (contributed) to the faults in society today. The most comprehensive answer to the problems of not just one, but all of the mentioned topics, is improper education. Racial disputes, religious controversies, poverty, and (stretch) terrorism, all stem from lack of understanding and preparation, due to insufficient education. Schools patronize the ideas of understanding of all cultures and all circumstances through random policies such as "No Child Left Behind," but political correctness and sporadic tutoring are not scapegoats when it comes to truly being progressive. The same things are taught over and over, and now with the inability to speak opinions regardless of political correctness, the classroom has been stifled, ultimately hindering learning."

— Alex Rumer, junior, Brunswick High School

Issue: Environment

"We need to stop being complacent and decrease our ecological footprints. Doing so will prevent the many negative consequences that are perpetuated by environmental degradation."

— Ali Perry, senior, Glynn Academy

Issue: Religion and beliefs

"Religion and beliefs are one of the most critical issues facing our world today because people fail to realize that God is in control of everything. With God on your side, all the other issues you face will line up properly and according to His will. If people fail to place their faith in God, they begin to worry about the things of this world that are beyond their control. In order for our society to be healed, God says that His people must turn back to Him."

— Darby Chancey, junior, Brunswick High School

TXT CODY

Thanks for helping improve The Edge

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Well, I told y'all last week we'd have plenty of time for good-byes. Not much time now, though. Thanks for all the feedback and interest you've shown The Edge during my time here at The News.

Au revoir, my peeps. Best of luck to all of you down the line.
Peace.

Txt Cody responses

"Sorry to hear about the edge. But life is short take every chance you get to live it to the fullest. Safe journeys always."
— received 7:17 p.m., April 23

"I am so sorry to hear that you're leaving the news. Thank you so much for all your hard work for the news and actually writing about things that affect our world today. Your columns truly brought up important issues and addressed those issues."
— Brittany, received 7:34 p.m., April 23

"what happened to the old cartoons? like tom & jerry and bugs bunny? u know the classics. i remember wakin up early 2 those shows. bring them bac! now the only good thing 2 watch is lame spongebob and fairly odd parents. i want the stuff that made me laugh. not yawn and change the channel. ya know?"
— received 4:37 p.m., April 23

"Sorry about your leaving Cody you are down to Earth"
— received 4:42 p.m., April 25



Sound Tribe at The Tabernacle in Atlanta.
— received 2:15: a.m., April 26

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When you least expect it, something entirely new



And we're back with Download This.

This week, I figured it would be fun to highlight the most diametrically opposed albums I could. Did I manage to do that? Well if not, then I got pretty close. Let's see what we have:

Lili Haydn – I was actually wandering around a Barnes & Noble when Lili Haydn caught my attention. Most of the time, the music played in any chain store is innocuous, just background noise there to break the silence. But Haydn's music, from her recently released album "Place Between Places," managed to not only break the shopping haze I was in, but redirected it toward a

new agenda.

Haydn combines a smooth, emotion-laden voice, strong lyrics and a set of songs that manage to sound unique yet cohesive with a – wait for it – violin. Yep, "Place Between Places" ain't just about a chick with powerful vocals pulling you across the emotional spectrum, it's about a chick with powerful vocals pulling you across the emotional spectrum with a violin in tow.

At first listen, it's almost a little new age-y sounding, but it's far from new age. What it is I don't know. I've no idea how you would classify her music beyond just being really, really good.

And in the end, isn't that what matters?
Dethlok: Dethalbum – I find it odd, funny and all kinds of awesome that a show that is a parody of all things metal, including most of all

the musicians who fuel the scene, has produced a pretty killer metal album. Positioned as an actual album from Dethlok, the protagonist hard-core rockers from Cartoon Network's "Metalocalypse," Dethalbum is both a mockery of the genre while actually paying pretty sweet homage to it.

Sure, the songs have typical metal names like "Birthday Dethday," "Hatedcopter" and "Thunderhorse," but in all honesty, they play a site better than a lot of the bands they're parodying. If you like metal, check it out. If you don't but want to hear a CD that mocks it, again – check it out. Fun for all either way.

That about does it. Download This shall return in one week's time. Until then, keep the emails coming to DownloadThis@excite.com.