

# THE NASHVILLIAN

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## STORIES FROM FEBRUARY 2002

### **NIGHT OF GANG VIOLENCE IN MURFREESBORO**

Murfreesboro was rocked by a bout of extreme gang-related violence last night. All over the city, police watched helplessly as bands of roving thugs terrorized the populace and damaged property. Exact casualty counts are still unknown at this time. When asked for a possible explanation, the chief of police stated: "It is truly baffling how violence of this magnitude can happen so suddenly like this. There have been none of the usual indicators of increasing gang activity." More details will be forthcoming as the exact magnitude of damage is discovered.

### **FRIST CENTER FOR THE ARTS LOOTED**

The Frist Center for the Arts was robbed last night. Several paintings valued at over \$1 million dollars were taken from the building. The security systems for the building had been de-activated prior to when the robbery began. The thieves then entered the building, knocked out a guard, and walked away with their goal. The police and security teams for the Frist Center believe that the robbery may have been an inside job, as the thieves had so much knowledge of the building's security systems. When asked about the robbery, Metro Chief of Police Emmet Turner, had this response: [continued on 2A]

### **ENCHANTING MELODY**

Last night, local art lovers, socialites, and a generous smattering of students and faculty, along with a myriad of others, were treated to one of the finest performances to grace this city in recent memory. Pianist Melody Johannsen's concert at Belmont's Center of the Fine Arts was as exquisite an exhibition of class, talent, and creativity as any music lover could hope for. Her passion for her art flowed palpably from the baby grand, filling the hall with a tangible, visceral beauty. The hall was packed, with but a single vacant seat in the building, and any other artist would have been upstaged by her audience, which included an ephemeral redneck, a pugilistic stoner, and a pair of overzealous Star Wars fanatics; no outburst nor oddity could detract from a memorable, magical evening... hopefully the first of many that Ms. Johannsen will treat us to.

The concert opened with a moving rendition of Beethoven's "Für Elise" and continued through an eclectic series of classical and modern selections, each more skillfully treated than the last. Ms. Johannsen finished with "Lars", a powerful, original composition that definitively ranked her among the very few truly innovative musicians of the day. Her talent cannot be praised enough, and the only criticism that can be levied in the enchanting event, is the simple lament that she chose not to dedicate the entire evening to her own work.

### **CAR IMPLODES, KILLS PASSENGER**

In what witnesses described as one of the strangest car accidents they have ever seen, one man's car apparently crushed him while sitting perfectly still. The accident happened last night in North Nashville. The driver of the car, one Dr. Adrian A. Koczwar, died as a result of injuries sustained during the accident. Witnesses describe seeing Dr. Koczwar open his driver door, then the car literally began to fly inwards, capturing the helpless man. [continued on 2B]

### **POLICE LOOKING FOR YOUTH**

Metro Police urge citizens to be on the lookout for an unidentified young man matching the description of <Mike Brooks' Garou character>. He was last seen carrying what appeared to be a dead body over his shoulder. He evaded police pursuit and is wanted for questioning.