

# LIFE



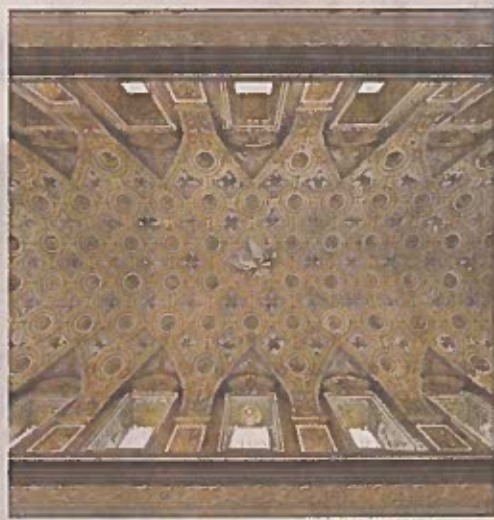
**TENNESSEE TOWN GETS REBOOT**  
Town and out Memphis sites get a mega-makeover that's sure to draw more visitors.

**SIGHTSEEING >> E3**



**PRESIDENTIAL HOTELS**  
Many with powerful history dot the country.

**ACCOMMODATIONS >> E6**



**A PALACE FOR THE PEOPLE**  
Site has hosted popes and kings in the past.

**ATTRACTION >> E2**

## LIVING OFF THE LAND >> Fresh fruits, vegetables found right here

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You may have seen Tom Miller with his trademark pigtail braids riding around downtown Fredericksburg on his three-wheeled rickshaw. Instead of carrying people, he carries veggies.

Collapsible crates filled with carrots, zucchini, cucumbers, kohlrabi, onions, green beans, kale, Swiss chard and lettuce sit on the cart behind him.

Miller leads Green Thumb Growers, a group of folks who volunteer their time in empty city lots to dig, weed, plant and harvest certified naturally grown produce in micro-urban farms. They work the rows for their own share of the harvest. They cobble together vacant lots on Barton Street, Charlotte Street and Elm Street as well as their plot in Downtown Greens, and masterfully fill these empty lots with fresh food.

Green Thumb Growers are part of the Fredericksburg Area CSA Project. Started in 1998, the project is one of the oldest community-supported agricultural programs in the area.

Each farm combines its produce with other products, such as honey and homemade soaps. The sustainable grown produce is in turn sold to the local community through shares. Each week shareholders pick up their box at Hurkamp Park on Prince Edward Street.

Recently, there has been a booming demand for locally sourced foods. More and more people want to know where their food comes from. Tom Miller believes that agriculture is a tool for reconnecting with our neighbors and the earth. And what better way to do that than to support our local farmers?



## Biologist to document wildlife

PHOTOGRAPHS BEING TAKEN TO CAPTURE ELUSIVE SKUNK IN GRAND CANYON

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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.—A biologist has installed more than 100 motion-sensing cameras along a 50-mile

stretch of the Grand Canyon in pursuit of images of an elusive skunk species.

Grand Canyon National Park has documented hog-nosed skunk tracks and found signs of them burrowing for insects along the Colorado River, but they're rarely seen and not known to make their home in northern

Arizona, especially not on the north side of the river.

Park biologist Brandon Holton spent two weeks in June setting up the cameras in hopes of learning more about how the skunk got to the park and if more exist.

"This essentially is a new species for Grand Canyon. Whether it's overlooked or

whether it's a new arrival, we don't really know yet," he said.

A group of rafters camping along the north side of the river captured an adult hog-nosed skunk on camera in August 2012. A juvenile skunk was photographed the

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## Airport reflects American culture

**I**F YOU REALLY want to know who your fellow Americans are in the 21st century, spend some time in a big airport. You'll learn more about the people you live with in a few hours there than in reading dozens of analyses by the Census Bureau.

The key word is: diverse. Oh, boy are we a varied bunch!

A few days ago I got up at



**ARMCHAIR ADVENTURES >>**

PAUL SULLIVAN

That being said, one thing you may not see in

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## Go off the beaten

