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Karen Wilson of El Paso, right, feeds the geese with Chris Downey of Bloomington on Sunday afternoon in Henry. The two were on their way to Lake Thunderbird to spend the Labor Day weekend when they made an unexpected stop. "All he had to say was 'Want to take a detour?'" Wilson explained. "And here we are." Today's forecast for central Illinois calls for sunny skies and a high of 90 degrees.

Al-Marri case may have wide impact

Outcome in review of ex-Bradley student's detention could have effect on future of war on terror

BY ANDY KRAVETZ
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

WEST PEORIA — While not unexpected, the fact that 10 appellate court judges sitting in Richmond, Va., are going to hear arguments about Ali Saleh Kahlah al-Marri's detention is, at the very least, unusual.

A few weeks ago, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals granted a full review of an earlier decision giving al-Marri, formerly of West Peoria, the legal right to confront the government over allegations that he's an al-Qaida sleeper agent.



ALI SALEH KAHLAH AL-MARRI

Such "en banc" reviews aren't common for the simple fact that they consume a lot of resources, said Northwestern University law professor James Pfander.

"They are loath to grant such review," he said. "All the judges are going to have to sit together at the bench. All are going to have to read the briefs and hear the arguments."

A majority of the judges, in this case six, had to vote for the review. Figure that two of the 10 were in the majority on the initial June 11 ruling, and you have six of eight judges opting for a rehearing.

Al-Marri was arrested at his West Peoria apartment three months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. For nearly two years, he was alternatively charged

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Cause for celebration

For many area families, long weekend calls for food and relaxation

BY ED MCMENAMIN
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — This summer, brothers Miles and Grant Donahue of Brimfield built their own five-hole miniature golf course in the backyard, but nothing brings a smile to their young faces like the mention of tubing on Lake Wee-Ma-Tuk in Canton.

Enjoying Wee Tee Golf's driving range on Labor Day weekend, Grant stood barefoot — he insists he goes better this way — haphazardly nicking golf balls in every conceivable direction while Miles took a more established approach, even though he claims he has never been on a real course before.

Like many central Illinoisans, Miles, 8, and Grant, 4, will enjoy one of the last warm weekends of the summer with grilling, fishing, swimming and boating.



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Ray Russell of Indianapolis waits for his grandson Patrick Russell, 13, to hop on his motorcycle as the two leave Sparland on Sunday afternoon to visit LST 325 in Peoria.

They'll celebrate at a lake house with their mother, Jill, along with some of her Peoria eServ coworkers and their families.

The boys' preferred form of water transportation — tubing — consists of an inflatable inner tube pulled from behind a

boat on the open water. Tubers hold on for a wild ride as they bounce from wake to wake.

Perhaps the full reality of summer's end hasn't fully hit Miles, who is entering third

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Peoria area boasts healthy labor sector

Trades workers have more jobs than they can fill

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BY CATHY BAYER
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — It's not very often that a problem is defined as a good thing, but area trades workers have been faced with the joy of having too many jobs.

The Peoria area is lucky to have this problem, said Dan Silverthorn, executive director of the West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council. "We pretty much have full employment in all the trades," he said.

Silverthorn said that about three years ago, local trade employment was the worst in recent history. He blames the economy's dip from Sept. 11, 2001, when residential

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Where does your food come from?

Outsourcing can make trail difficult to follow during recalls

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Try searching for a culprit in the 90 brands caught up in the recent recall of canned chili, stew and other products, and you weave back to a single manufacturer.

That also was the case in recalls of spinach, pet food and frozen meat.

Companies increasingly are paying others to make the foods we eat — or the ingredients in them — and then selling it under multiple brand names. And that has prompted a growing debate about food safety.

"If people cannot trace a product back to a supplier, the supplier has no incentives to keep their processes as



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