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Bernskoetter is a 1978 Helias graduate.

He's a member of Jefferson City's Immaculate Conception Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

His other memberships include both the East Side and West Side Business Associations, the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce, both the Eagles and Elks clubs, the Wardsville Lions Club, the Jefferson City Area Home Builders Association, Farm Bureau, and the Jefferson City Board of Realtors.

He also is a member of the National Pest Management Association and is a past president of Missouri Pest Management Association.

...who has experience in the cases that are heard in Circuit Court, and I am that person."

Green, 46, is the managing partner of Hearne and Green and also has served 13 years as the elected Jefferson City prosecuting attorney, currently in his seventh term.

"A prosecutor's first responsibility is to ensure that the interests of justice are served, not simply win every case," he said. "This responsibility has additionally prepared me for the position of judge."

Green is a life-long Mid-Missouri resident.

He and his wife, Samantha, have four children — Amy, 23; Andrew, 21; Michael, 11; and Molly, 1.

...explained. "And then they have to be back by 8 o'clock the next morning. If they sign in before 8, they keep their positions."

Line sitters can visit the nearby restrooms without losing their candidate's place in the line and, Register noted: "They're allowed two 20-minute breaks a day to go outside,

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state budget director in Gov. Matt Blunt's administration and, now, director of the House Budget Committee's staff.

Haug added: "Missouri is one of the better-managed states in the country. According to Governing Magazine, Missouri year-in, year-out is one of the top 10 and often in the top five."

Nixon told a reporter in a brief interview: "We're seeing initial stages of coming out of this recession and I'm optimistic that, as we move into the latter part of this year, we'll see growth again."

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programmable thermostats to prevent running heating or cooling systems for hours while no one is in the home, in the same way one would not leave their car running in the parking lot while they went to work for the day.

Replacing a house of incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent light bulbs could save a homeowner 7.5 percent on his monthly bill, Boyer said.

He also promoted the Smart Strip power strip that could help reduce "phantom loads," the power being used by appliances even when they have been switched off — like the remote signal to a television or the clock display on a VCR. Boyer suggested phantom loads could represent another 10 percent of a billpayer's power use.

Mike Brauner with Quaker Windows discussed the critical role windows and doors play in energy efficiency of a new

# Plan:

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While the interchange will cause the displacement of Quinn Chapel AME Church, Johnson's Barber & Beauty Shop and homes along the area, there seems to be another issue — the construction of an overpass on Madison Street

But, he also told the reporters Thursday that more cuts in this year's budget may be needed because the current revenues remain sluggish.

"We would like to see the full February numbers before making those decisions," the governor said.

Nixon and legislative leaders agree there's no plan to raise taxes to bring more money.

"That would actually slow the economy," Nixon explained.

In the near future, Moody said, "Withholdings will have to become core cuts, and more core cuts will be necessary. Government as we know it is going to have to change."

The best way for any

improvement is for the state to, somehow, effectively create more jobs, he said, so there are more people earning money and using it to buy things, generating sales taxes, and to pay taxes.

"I think we need to do something, right now, to invest to create jobs," he said Thursday. "That is easier said than done (but) I think that, if government does not do some intervention here, we're going to stay at this dreary, low level."

Lawmakers are considering several job-creation proposals, including Nixon's "Missouri First" program.

It would help established Missouri companies expand, creating more jobs.



Stephen Brooks/News Tribune

Hayden Kueffer, 10, and Hunter Kueffer, 6, get free balloons from Andrew Mette and Christa Tallmage at the Socket Internet booth.

or renovated home. Tax credits currently are available for qualified products.

"Everything needs to be

tied together," Brauner reiterated. "To save money, it's going to take several things to work together."

MoDOT's plan except for the overpass and instead recommended the parkway alternative, which will expand the highway with elevated lanes above the existing expressway.

Portions of the South Side area (a designated Tax Increment Financing district) are experiencing renovations. The designated blocks include the 100 block of West Dunklin

congestion would become a "stacker of traffic, not destination traffic."

Busch's Florist has three parking spots for customers, and Pelzer says he has been informed the parking will be eliminated when the overpass is constructed.

The potential westbound traffic traveling toward downtown Jefferson City would be redirect-