**Bill would restore adult dental Medicaid**

Legislature still resisting expanding Medicaid and accepting federal funds

By Sandra Jordan
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Although it appears that Missouri lawmakers will not expand Medicaid coverage this legislative session, the General Assembly passed a bipartisan measure on May 8 to restore some adult dental Medicaid coverage.

Dental coverage for adults on Medicaid was cut from the state budget nearly a decade ago during Gov. Matt Blunt’s administration, and emergency rooms around the state were left to deal with the influx of poor people who were in pain and could not afford to see a dentist.

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On Saturday, many watched as news stations televised Sam receiving the draft phone call and crying over his partner’s shoulder.

The Rams drafted Sam in a defensive end in the 5th round, making him the 249th pick. As a defensive lineman at the University of Missouri, he was named defensive player of the year in the Southeastern Conference.

**Students rally for peace**

By Rebecca Rivas
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Michael Sam is focused on playing football and trying to make the St. Louis Rams’ roster — not being the first openly gay player drafted by a National Football League team, as he said in a press conference Tuesday.

“I understand that right now you guys want to make a big deal of it,” he said of the constant publicity. “When this is over, I can start (working on football) as fast as possible.”

St. Louis Rams head coach Jeff Fisher, 7th round draft pick Michael Sam and General Manager Les Snead addressed the media at Rams’ Park on Tuesday after introducing all of the team’s 2014 draft picks.

Q&A with Judge Edwards

2014 May Day Parade honorary chair, SLU commencement speaker

By Chris King
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Judge Jimmie M. Edwards is a ubiquitous model and his ever-elusive quest for a federal judgeship.

This Sunday, May 18, Judge Edwards will be honorary chair for the 2014 Annual May Day Parade, marching downtown St. Louis starting at 1 p.m.

That appearance will culminate a veritable parade of ceremonial recognitions of his advocacy for youth who have been expelled or proven to be disruptive in classrooms.

**Moms, Dads, Grandparents...**

Congrats to the Graduate

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