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Advocates for addiction and recovery services had little to be happy about when the 2006 legislative session ended on May 12. For most interest groups in the areas of health and safety, the session was a disappointment. On the other hand, like people who are happy that gasoline sells for \$2.70 per gallon when it could be \$3.00, there are those who are breathing a sigh of relief because "it could have been much worse." Some undesirable legislation failed to make the final cut and died when the 6:00 PM deadline arrived. A small increase in provider rates for treatment services (see page 3) was the only bright spot in an otherwise dismal landscape.

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Recovery Day/Cardinals Game at Busch Stadium Sunday, September 17--1:15 p.m.

Tickets are still available (but barely) for the Cardinals game on September 17 at the new Busch Stadium. Cost per ticket is \$20. But they are going FAST! Come join us and celebrate recovery. Call 573-635-6669 or email rflynn@actmissouri.org to purchase yours.