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Let it flow! Groups target election day alcohol restrictions

What Hoosiers need on Election Day is a good stiff drink.

That's not exactly the argument of the Indiana Licensed Beverage Association and the Restaurant and Hospitality Association of Indiana, but it's close. They are reminding Hoosiers that today retailers are not allowed to sell alcohol until polls close at 6 p.m. because it's Election Day.

The ban goes back to the days when bars and taverns were common polling places in communities.

"This law not only hurts Hoosier small businesses that are not allowed to operate a large part of their business for a majority of the day, but it also hurts the State of Indiana which is losing a sizeable tax collection," the associations point out.

The groups say Indiana is just one of three states that ban all alcohol sales when the polls are open, and they intend to push for a change.

-- *Star report*

Charity: Colts behind in contest

The Indianapolis Colts might have the NFL's best record, but they're trailing a "Click for Cans" promotion.

Green Bay holds the top three spots in a contest that rewards top-voting cities with gifts of Campbell's Chunky Soup to help feed the needy.

Indy currently ranks fourth with about 250,000 clicks -- about 130,000 behind.

Go to www.chunky.com/clickforcans.aspx for more details.

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French Lick Resort Casino's ranking in a recent Links Magazine "2006 Travel Poll."

When asked "which of the following Midwest resorts would you most like to visit," 18% of the respondents chose the southern Indiana resort known for its mineral resources.

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