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Teams mum on shift

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It's the topic neither head coach wanted to talk about this week. But it's also been the most discussed topic revolving around Saturday's Penn State-Indiana game.

The Nittany Lions will play the Hoosiers in Landover, Md.

Why? The reason neither coach would discuss? Money.

Indiana will receive \$3 million

for moving what was once its home game, and the only requirement it had to meet was selling 7,000 tickets.

In the 91,000-seat FedEx Field, it's a safe bet Penn State fans, who have a 205-mile drive from State College, will take up a large majority of the stadium.

The Penn State athletic department sold about 21,000 tickets to the game. Associate Athletic Director for Marketing Greg Myford said. The rest of the ticket sales are controlled by the

Washington Redskins, who play in FedEx Field.

Indiana coach Bill Lynch doesn't want to think about the ramifications of what becomes essentially a road game. Since the announcement was made in August 2009, the game has been slated for FedEx Field, and there has never been another option.

"You're always looking at your schedule whether it's in the off-season, the preseason, or once you're in the season and



Indiana coach Bill Lynch, right, will prepare for a 648-mile road trip to FedEx Field Saturday.

Police look into slurs

By Casey McDermott
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Though Linda Baker and her husband, an interracial couple and longtime Michigan Wolverines fans, said they were the targets of racial slurs at a recent Penn State football game, the couple didn't intend to take any legal action against those harassing them.

But on Thursday, police confirmed they are looking into the taunting — which Baker said included a group of Penn State fans calling her a "n— loving bitch" and pouring beer on her husband, Bobby, 44, after shouting similar insults at him.

Penn State Police Sgt. Frances McClellan could not confirm who initially referred the Bakers' incident to police, but Baker said she first learned of the investigation Thursday when the police contacted her.

McClellan said she couldn't offer many details about the investigation at this point.

As part of the investigation, McClellan said police could move forward by reviewing security film and interviewing those who were either directly involved in the incident or who were witnesses. More information from police will likely be available in the coming weeks, she said.

Baker, 45, said the couple didn't contact security at Beaver Stadium or elsewhere. Instead, they just tried to ignore the "horrendous" taunting, hoping that it would stop, she said.

And for the most part, she said, the people around her did the same.

"A gentleman to my left did confront [the man sitting behind us] about spilling beer on my husband," Baker said. "But most everyone around us tried to ignore these people."

Eventually, Baker said, the couple opted to leave the game.

"I had always put Penn State up there with the elite," she said. "It's supposed to be a classy

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Shawn Colvin sings her song "Fill Me Up" during her concert at the State Theatre on Thursday night. Her opening act was Gregory Douglass.

Colvin brings 'Sunny' to PSU

By David Strader
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Sunny came home Thursday night, thanks to singer-songwriter Shawn Colvin.

Colvin played an acoustic set with special guest Gregory Douglass at the State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave.

Colvin played a number of her recent releases as well as older selections like her 1997 Grammy Award-winning song "Sunny Came Home."

Colvin took to the stage for a solo performance with only an acoustic guitar.

Attendee Crystal Ramsay, 40, of State College, said she and her husband were especially fond of acoustic sets like Colvin's.

"It's truly what we prefer, and that's what makes this venue so irresistible," Ramsay said.

The songwriter's musical repertoire included a number of pop and folk songs.

Attendee Greg Larson, 47, Huntington, said Colvin's per-

formance shined through her folk style and vocal talent.

In addition, Larson said he shared a coincidental tie with Colvin. Larson said he grew up in the same town as Colvin, and the musician's brother was his roommate.

"I never actually got to meet her, but I've seen her in concert and I've always enjoyed her music," Larson said.

Audra Hixton, 38, Stage College, said she had been a longtime fan of Colvin.

"I love her," Hixton said. "Her lyrics and her style of music are appealing, and she has a great sense of humor and stage presence."

Colvin has had a musical career of over 20 years, with eight albums and three Grammy awards under her belt.

Kelly Poese, 35, of State College, said Colvin's extensive musical experience was impressive.

"That's why her music appeals to me," Poese said. "It has depth.

Bars thrive despite license restrictions

By Nathan Pipenberg
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On a stroll along College or Beaver Avenue, a person will pass about 19 establishments that serve alcohol. But according to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, State College should only be host to 12 liquor licenses.

It's a clear violation of PLCB regulations, but it's a rare site to see bars closing up shop.

There are 34 bars and restaurants with licenses in State College, wrote Stacy Kriedeman, PLCB deputy director of external affairs, in an e-mail.

Borough Manager Tom Fountaine said that despite the PLCB's limit of 12, the agency was unable to revoke licenses already issued to restaurants or bars.

"It's usually due to what is known as 'grandfathering.' Instead of the license disappearing, a new owner buys it from the previous owner, Fountaine said.

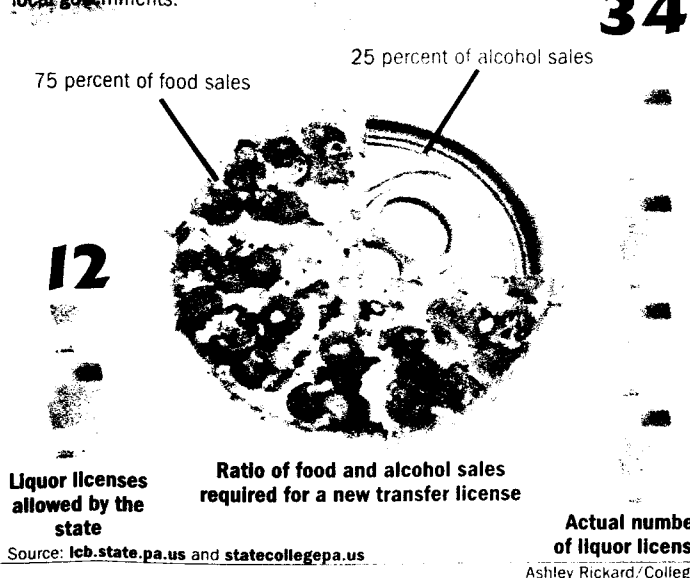
While the number of liquor licenses in State College is at capacity, a new bar can come to town only if it replaces an existing one.

State College Police Chief Tom King is among the most

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Liquor laws

Alcohol regulations in Pennsylvania are jointly created by state agencies and local governments.



Holiday travels set to see increase

By Eddie Lau
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More people will hit the road this Thanksgiving in pursuit of family, football and turkey — something officials attribute to an improving economy.

The number of Americans traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday is expected to increase by 11 percent from last year, according to the AAA automobile club.

About 42.2 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home this year, compared to 37.4 million people a year ago, according to a statement released Tuesday by the nation's largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA.

"While Americans remain cautious with household budgets and discretionary spending, this year's projected increase appears to be the result of the modestly improved economy," said Rick Remington, AAA Mid-Atlantic public and government affairs manager.

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