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TRANSPORTATION

NJ Transit Chief Wants Feedback

NJ Transit's new chief executive will visit New York Penn Station on Tuesday to listen to customer concerns, ahead of the agency reducing rail services in early June as part of its effort to install safety equipment faster.

Executive Director Kevin Corbett will appear with other senior NJ Transit officials from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The visit is the second stop on a listening tour for Mr. Corbett, who took over as head of one of the nation's largest bus and rail operators earlier this year.

Last week, Mr. Corbett spent two hours at Hoboken Terminal in New Jersey, where he took comments and questions from passengers, several of whom were frustrated or confused by service delays and cancellations.

At the time, Mr. Corbett said his priorities include improving on-time performance and ramping up hiring to end a shortage of train engineers. But he cautioned that improvements would take time.

"There is no magic wand," he said.

NJ Transit, which carries more than 900,000 passengers on trains and buses each weekday, faces myriad challenges following years of financial cuts and deteriorating service.

—Paul Berger

NEW JERSEY

State Expects Millions From Sports Betting

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy is penciling in \$13 million in expected revenues from sports betting, but won't have a surprise influx of tax revenue to ease any difficult spending decisions as he and the Legislature head toward a June 30 deadline.

Treasurer Elizabeth Muoio briefed the Democratic-led Assembly budget committee Monday on the state's latest revenue collections and revealed for the first time that the administration is estimating \$13 million in new revenues from sports betting.

Legislation is pending after last week's Supreme Court decision striking down a federal prohibition on sports betting. Her testimony comes as Mr. Murphy pushes his \$37.4 billion budget.

—Associated Press

SCHOOL BUS FIRE

Students Unharmed After Fire Engulfs Bus

A New Jersey school bus driver safely evacuated several students shortly before the vehicle was engulfed in flames on Monday, authorities said.

About 10 Blairstown Elementary School students were aboard the bus at the time, Blairstown Township police said.

No injuries were reported.

—Associated Press



Weekly grosses of Broadway's 'Escape to Margaritaville' have been disappointing. Producers plan to launch a national tour of the show.

Is 'Margaritaville' Wasting Away?

By CHARLES PASSY

When it began running on Broadway in February, "Escape to Margaritaville" garnered attention for the long lines it generated at the bar—so much so that the theater didn't have enough booze on hand to keep the margaritas flowing.

But these days, the show, a jukebox musical based on the tropical-minded catalog of the singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett, isn't proving as popular.

Weekly grosses for the show generally have ranged between \$600,000 and \$700,000, according to the Broadway League, the trade group that tracks the industry.

For the seven-day period ending this past Sunday, the show took in \$687,680, which

represents less than 40% of its potential gross.

By contrast, more than a dozen other musicals took in \$1 million-plus for the same seven-day period. "Hamilton," the perennial box-office champ, grossed \$3.1 million.

Making matters worse: "Escape to Margaritaville" failed to garner a single Tony Award nomination. Even a show like "Summer," the Donna Summer bio musical that was widely panned by critics, earned a couple of nods.

Produced at a cost of \$15 million, "Margaritaville" will need to sell more tickets to be a success. The show's producers declined to comment on the possibility of closing.

Weak sales already have claimed one Broadway show in

recent weeks: The revival of the play "Children of a Lesser God," which announced it would close on Sunday. That production earned a Tony nomination for Lauren Ridloff, its lead actress.


The Broadway show is based on the catalog of singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett.

"Margaritaville" producers have pressed ahead with advertising, including airing a television spot that plays up the show's bouncy island vibe. Mr. Buffett also has contin-




Props from 'Star Wars' and 'Superman III' on display in New York ahead of an auction at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas on June 23.





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Dr. Daniel Andreae
*Award-Winning Health Educator
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Dr. Dan Andreae has had a distinguished career as an award-winning academic, executive director, community leader, volunteer, citizen, and visionary. His contributions to society and humanity have had a widespread impact on people, policies and institutions, and he has been recognized with over 50 medals, honours and awards by the government, universities, institutions and community groups.

He is a sought-after speaker on issues pertaining to stress and preventative medicine, as it relates to subjects such as brain education, pain and weight.

Dr. Andreae has a long-standing interest in neuroscience and its application to everyday life. He served as the first executive director of the Alzheimer Society of Toronto — the first society formed anywhere in the world, where he built up the organization and created innovative programs, such as the Wandering Patient's Registry, which became a model for the rest of the country. He later served as Chair of the Alzheimer Patrons' Council, raising awareness of the disease, as well as providing financial support and opening doors for the cause. The Society has recognized him with the Outstanding Service Award for leadership and the Pioneer Award, and he was internationally recognized by the chair of the International Association, Princess Yasmin Khan. Dr. Andreae also serves as Honorary Patron of Brain Injury Canada, and for his support, has a Neuroscience Laboratory named after him at the Weizmann Institute of Science, one of the world's leading science centers of excellence.

Prior to pursuing a career of community service and education, Dr. Andreae received an Honours Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from York University in Toronto. He went on to complete a Master's Degree in Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Toronto. He also received an honorary Doctorate of Laws for contributions to health care from Assumption University. A strong advocate for lifelong learning, he has since completed a variety of additional courses and degrees. In fact, he has studied at the Benson Henry Mind Body Institute in Boston, affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital, and is a member of the Harvard Medical School Association (continuing education). He has also earned a certificate in neuropsychophysiology from Saybrook University in California, and diplomas in advanced stress management and nutrition.

As a highly respected Professor, Dr. Andreae has been an award-winning academic, receiving the prestigious Teaching Award from the University of Waterloo, one of Canada's leading universities, where he is a Fellow. At the University of Guelph Humber, where he teaches psychology, he has been chosen Faculty of the Year twice and has received the Faculty Mentoring Award. A dedicated educator, Dr. Andreae has taught more than 45 different subjects at university and college levels. He stresses the importance of education, stating that, "Education is not just an intellectual exercise. It is most effective when the head meets the heart and knowledge can be applied to enhance the quality of one's life on all levels: emotional, physical, spiritual and social."


Outside of his academic career, Dr. Andreae has been a leader and visionary in the field of social work. He considers one of his greatest accomplishments to be his leadership of a successful 10-year campaign to secure statutory legislation recognizing social work as a profession, the last jurisdiction in continental North America to do so. In recognition of his dedication and perseverance, he was named both Canadian and Ontario Social Worker of the Year by the Ontario Association of Social Workers.

Awards Dr. Andreae has received include the Governor General's Caring Canada Award, the Ontario Medal of Citizenship from The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the top alumni of the century (Wilfrid Laurier University) Psychology Foundation of Canada – Founders' Award, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award, among others. He has received numerous lifetime achievement awards, including from the National Eating Disorders Information Centre (NEDIC) at the University Health Network, as well as from Brain Injury Canada, the International Association of Top Professionals and the Inaugural Impact Award for Lifetime Achievement from Laurentian University, as well as the Ontario Association of Social Workers.

Dr. Andreae is an ongoing major supporter of The University Health Network focusing on Eye Issues, Stroke, Dementia and Robotic Surgery. He is convinced that giving back to community and people in any way possible is vital to maintaining a healthy and vibrant society.

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