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N.J.-N.Y. rail tunnel gets key clearance

Environmental-impact release lets work proceed on a project considered a vital infrastructure need.

By Elise Young
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Amtrak's proposed \$11.6 billion passenger-rail tunnel between New York and New Jersey received long-delayed environmental clearance from U.S. officials, the project's biggest step forward in years. The decision is crucial to start

the next phase of work and secure billions of federal dollars for what's considered one of the most vital U.S. infrastructure needs.

The Federal Railroad and Federal Transit administrations released a final environmental impact statement Friday. The move allows Gateway Program Devel-

opment Corp., which is overseeing the project, to begin acquiring real estate and start advanced design and pre-construction work.

Progress on those tasks will increase Gateway's chances of securing half the total cost from the Biden administration, which is pledging hundreds of billions of dollars to major infrastructure nationwide.

New York and New Jersey officials have called Gateway cru-

cial for the U.S. economy. The existing tunnel, which can't handle growing capacity and needs to be shut for major repairs, is key to the Northeast Corridor, the nation's busiest passenger-rail route, serving a region from Boston to Washington that contributes 20% of U.S. gross domestic product.

President Joe Biden, a Democrat, is negotiating what he first proposed as \$2.25 trillion in infrastructure and jobs spending. Re-

publican lawmakers want less than half that amount.

"I'm hopeful that the case for the tunnel is so compelling that under almost anyone's version of a national infrastructure package, adequate funding will be part of it," Tony Coscia, Amtrak's chairman and a Gateway trustee, said.

The administration had set a Gateway environmental decision deadline for Friday. In a joint See **TUNNEL** on A7

THE FUTURE OF WORK

A New Kind of Union Emerges



Above, Lou Kimmel, executive director of New Labor, near the worker center's offices in New Brunswick, N.J. At right, Milagros Barreto, an organizer at the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, consoles a member of their worker center at a meeting.

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Worker centers adding energy, diverse voices to labor movement.

STAFF REPORT

In Upstate New York, immigrant dairy hands lobbied the state to amend its labor laws so people who milk cows could rely on the minimum wage and overtime.

In Dallas, after an immigrant construction worker died of heat stroke, day laborers and non-union building trades workers persuaded the city to pass an ordinance requiring rest breaks.

In Philadelphia and in other cities and states around the nation, housekeepers and nannies pushed for legislation governing pay and work rules for domestic workers who have virtually no rights under existing labor laws.

Even as participation in traditional labor unions has declined, a new type of worker group is emerging across the United States and in Philadelphia, adding energy and diverse voices to the labor movement. These groups, numbering about 250 nationwide, have various names and organizational structures, but collectively they are known as worker centers.

For more than 15 years, Jane M. Von Bergen reported on labor issues at The Inquirer. After retiring in 2017, she spent the last three years writing a book on this growing and vibrant force in the labor movement. Coauthored with occupational and public health expert Celeste Monforton, *On the Job: The Untold Story of Worker Centers and the New Fight for Wages, Dignity* was published by the New Press this month.

We asked her to tell us about worker centers and her book.

What is a worker center?

The broad definition of the labor move-

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ment is workers acting together to improve working conditions and that's what these groups do. Worker centers gather people with common interests or a common background and exert pressure to influence larger policy changes,

What do worker centers do?

Through alliances with lawyers and other professionals, worker centers can help individuals recover money when they are cheated out of pay or get them medical treatment when they are injured at work. But the overarching goal is to build power to influence government policies that help all workers. These include anti-wage theft measures, mandated paid sick leave, and disclosure of hazardous chemicals that may be used on the job.

Can't they get help from unions?

Not exactly. Through collective bargaining agreements, unions help employees in stable employment situations, such as hospitals or factories. But many worker center members are marginalized. They are hard to unionize. Some are temps working for different agencies every day, or are housekeepers cleaning multiple homes. Some are day laborers hired off the corner. Some speak other languages. The

Greater Minnesota Worker Center in St. Cloud, for example, represents Somali poultry plant workers and New Labor's members in New Brunswick, N.J., primarily speak Spanish.

How are they funded?

Some charge monthly dues, but most funding comes from foundations and faith groups. Sometimes local unions will provide support, and some get funding from OSHA for worker-safety training. In Texas, the Centro de Derechos Laborales sold tortillas to make rent on their office in a former beauty parlor.

Are there worker centers here?

This movement is beginning to take hold in Philadelphia. We have many groups, with some including worker advocacy as part of their overall missions. So far, only the Restaurant Opportunities Center has gotten as far as having its own office and staff. However, Philadelphia is good at coalition building. The Coalition to Respect Every Worker, comprised of One Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Domestic Workers Alliance, Juntos, VietLead, Make the Road, and other groups lobbied effectively for a better-funded city office to enforce recently enacted labor ordinances such as the Fair Workweek Act. The Black Workers Project is building its organization with an initial focus on Black temp workers. The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance is also in the process of organizing.

What are worker centers' strengths and weaknesses?

Their chief strength is their ability to See **WORKERS** on A7

Stocks show modest gains, end week higher

Wall Street largely shrugged off a report indicating an increase in consumer spending.

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Stocks capped a listless day of trading on Wall Street with modest gains Friday and the S&P 500's first weekly gain in three weeks.

Gains in technology and health-care companies outweighed a slide in communications stocks, retailers, and elsewhere in the market. The S&P 500 rose 0.1% and notched a 1.2% gain for the week.

The benchmark index closed out the final day of trading in May with a monthly gain of 0.5%. That's the index's fourth straight monthly increase and follows a bumpy few weeks in the markets as investors moved past a stellar corporate earnings season and focused on the tug-of-war between the economic recovery and rising inflation.

U.S. markets will be closed Monday for Memorial Day.

Wall Street largely shrugged off a report indicating consumer spending increased last month, the latest economic snapshot to show inflation accelerating in the U.S. economy. Treasury yields fell, including the yield for the benchmark 10-year Treasury.

The S&P 500 rose 3.23 points to 4,204.11, its third straight gain. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 64.81 points, or 0.2%, to 34,529.45. The tech-heavy Nasdaq gained 12.46 points, or 0.1%, to 13,748.74. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks lost 4.10, or 0.2%, to 2,268.97.

Investors did not react harshly to the latest hotter-than-expected inflation data. The Commerce Department said Friday that personal consumption expenditures, a measure of inflation used by the Federal Reserve, rose by 3.6% in April. Excluding volatile food and energy prices, inflation was still high at 3.1%, and well above the Federal Reserve's long-term target of inflation of around 2%.

Bond yields remained steady on the news, with the 10-year U.S. Treasury note trading at 1.58%, roughly where it was all week.

"You're not seeing big spikes in rates when inflation data comes out a little high, and that's a sign of relief for the markets," said Jamie Cox, managing partner at Harris Financial Group.

An uptick in travel for the Memorial Day weekend is another signal that the economic recovery is pushing ahead. More than 1.8 million people went through U.S. airports on Thursday, and the number was widely expected to cross 2 million over the weekend. That would be the highest since early March 2020.

Airline bans traveler for punching flight attendant

By Hayley Smith
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A woman accused of assaulting a Southwest Airlines flight attendant on a flight from Sacramento to San Diego has been permanently banned from the airline, officials said.

"The passenger repeatedly ignored standard in-flight instructions and became verbally and physically abusive upon landing," Southwest Airlines spokesperson Chris Mainz said in an email to the Los Angeles Times

on Friday.

A video of the altercation obtained by the Sacramento Bee shows the woman punching the flight attendant, who then appears dazed and bloodied while other passengers try to keep the woman seated.

A union leader for airline employees said the flight attendant lost two teeth in the attack.

The incident happened Sunday morning, according to the Port of San Diego Harbor Police Department. Harbor police officers

met the aircraft at the gate, they said.

Witnesses told police that the passenger, later identified as Vyvianna Quinonez, 28, struck the flight attendant, "causing serious injuries" during an altercation.

Paramedics transported the flight attendant, who was not identified, to Scripps Memorial Hospital.

Quinonez was arrested on suspicion of battery causing serious bodily injury.

Quinonez, a resident of Sacramento County, told CBS8 television that she acted in self-defense. One passenger, Susan Marie Stidham, said on Facebook that the attack came "simply because she was asked to put her seat belt back on."

In an open letter to Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly, union president Lyn Montgomery said there has been an "unprecedented number" of incidents of passenger misconduct, noting that there were 477 incidents on

Southwest Airlines aircraft from April 8 to May 15.

"Today's traveling environment requires a new level of firmness in both tone and direction to ensure proper control in the cabin of our aircraft as the attitudes and behaviors of the flying public have, unfortunately, declined," Montgomery said.

Quinonez has been permanently banned from flying on Southwest Airlines. "She has been advised this decision is final," Mainz said.

Tunnel

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statement, Govs. Phil Murphy of New Jersey and Andrew Cuomo of New York praised the states' democratically elected representatives for championing the project even when it was stalled during the administration of Biden's predecessor, Republican Donald Trump.

"Today's action is a key step forward to building rail infrastructure that will be dependable for decades to come," Murphy said. Cuomo called the Biden administration "stalwart champions for New York from Day One."

Gateway involves construction of a two-direction tunnel under the Hudson River, plus the shutdown, rehabilitation and reopening of the 110-year-old existing passage.

Construction of the new tunnel was expected to take seven years, followed by three years of work on the existing one, according to early estimates from project officials.

The project has to make up lost time, Coscia said. He didn't have an estimated completion date.

Amtrak says the existing link is safe for the regional and NJ Transit commuter trains that use it, but electrical and other damage from a 2012 flood makes it increasingly unreliable.

An earlier tunnel project with full funding in place, called Access to the Region's Core, or ARC, was on the cusp of construction when it was canceled by then-New Jersey Gov. Christie, a Republican, cited concerns about cost overruns and design shortcomings, including inadequate capacity and a Manhattan station far from other rail lines.

Christie used some of that project's dedicated funding to plug state budget holes and avoid raising the gasoline tax.

About 820,000 trips are made on the Northeast Corridor every day, either on Amtrak or one of the commuter railroads.

In a statement, Sen. Cory Booker (D., N.J.) called the environmental approval an "exciting step toward providing New Jersey commuters the relief they desperately need."

Sen. Bob Menendez (D., N.J.) in a statement said Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Nuria Fernandez, acting head of the Federal Transit Administration, "gave me their word that they will continue to work with me, our state's congressional delegation, Gov. Murphy and the project sponsors to advance Gateway — and I intend to hold them to their commitments."

Workers

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engaged workers on a grassroots level, harnessing worker power to build alliances for policy changes.

For immigrant workers in particular, these centers become a second family to help navigate life away from home. A chief weakness? Precarious funding leading to leadership burnout.

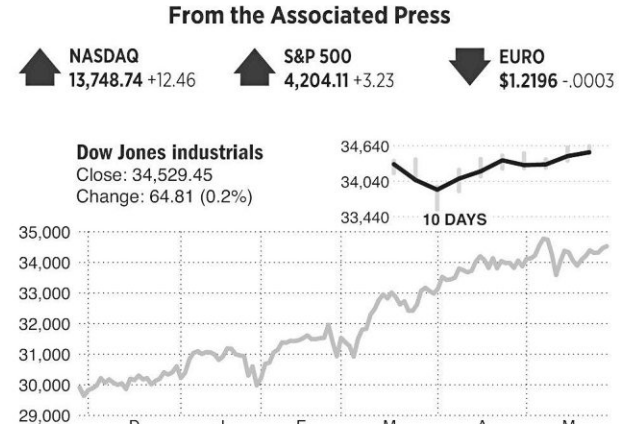
As a longtime labor writer, what did you learn when you and your coauthor visited centers from California to Boston?

I gained a deeper understanding of some of the challenges faced by immigrant workers in general. Learning about life on dairy farms was eye-opening. Some dairy hands work four hours on and four hours off. They never get a full night's sleep. In poultry plants, line speeds move so fast that workers can't get a bathroom break. They wear diapers. That blew my mind.

What else struck you?

It was inspiring to see how people united, could improve their lives. At a minimum, people need to be paid for their work and they need to be safe on the job. It made me sad to learn it takes so much effort to get these most basic protections for workers.

MARKET WATCH



Largest gains				
Stock	Last	Chg	%Chg	
VertexEn	7.81	+3.82	+95.7	
eMagin	4.07	+1.41	+53.0	
SmlEDS	13.82	+4.28	+44.9	
EAndinB	14.70	+2.90	+24.6	
Welbilt	24.71	+4.79	+24.0	

Largest losses				
Stock	Last	Chg	%Chg	
Provent	7.61	-3.07	-28.7	
US Silica	10.26	-2.12	-17.1	
Eton Ph	7.06	-1.43	-16.8	
BowlA	8.90	-1.60	-15.2	
ProPhaseL	4.80	-0.76	-13.7	

Phila. Stock Exchange				
Index	Last	Chg	%Chg	
Gold and Silver	163.96	+0.82		
SemiConductor	3186.56	+27.29		
Banks	133.62	-0.22		
Oil Service	61.35	-0.31		

Top local stocks				
Stock	Last	Chg.	%Chg.	
AmWtrWks	155.02	+1.60	+1.0	
UnivBrng	114.74	-0.27	-0.2	
Ametek	135.10	+0.72	+0.5	
Aramark	37.35	-0.03	-0.1	
AudaxZen	56.77	-0.12	-0.2	
Audacy	4.35	-0.10	-2.2	
BncpBnk If	24.24	-0.19	-0.8	
BkofAm	42.39	-0.16	-0.4	
Boeing	247.02	-3.68	-1.5	
Brandyw	14.06	...	...
BrynMawr	47.80	+0.34	+0.7	
CSS Inds	9.40	...	...
CampSp	48.67	+0.85	+1.8	
ChubbLtd	169.99	+0.64	+0.4	
Comcast	57.34	...	...
Corteva	45.50	+0.32	+0.7	
CrownHold	103.24	+0.58	+0.6	
CubeSmart	43.79	+0.74	+1.7	
Dorman	102.38	-0.09	-0.1	
DuPont	84.59	-0.33	-0.2	
EPAM Sys	477.60	+5.77	+1.2	
Endo Intl	5.87	...	...
EgyTrnsfr	9.90	-0.11	-1.1	
EssentUtil	47.80	+0.51	+1.0	
Exelon	45.12	+0.52	+1.2	
FMC Corp	116.69	+0.45	+0.4	
FiveBelow	184.12	-2.35	-1.3	
GloboSKIn	38.77	+0.28	+0.7	
GlobusMed	72.06	+0.31	+0.4	
HamilLa	90.37	-2.78	-3.0	
HLthCSvc	29.99	-0.02	-0.1	
Hersha	10.75	-0.07	-0.6	
Incyte	83.78	+1.10	+1.3	
IndepRT	17.08	+0.13	+0.8	
InnovSolu	5.60	...	...
InterDig	80.78	+1.64	+2.1	
J&J Snack	175.58	+0.50	+0.3	
JPMorgCh	164.24	-0.11	-0.1	
JohnJn	169.25	+0.44	+0.3	
Knoll Inc	26.00	+0.03	+0.1	
LincNat	69.79	-0.05	-0.1	
Livent	19.51	-0.37	-1.9	
LockhdM	382.20	-2.59	-0.7	
M&T Bk	160.69	+1.51	+0.9	
MalvernBc	18.80	+0.49	+2.7	
MarlinBs	22.52	-0.16	-0.7	
Merck	75.89	-0.03	-0.0	
PNC	194.68	+0.56	+0.3	
PennaRE	2.09	+0.04	+2.0	
PrudntIBcp	13.87	+0.09	+0.7	
PSEG	62.12	+0.09	+0.1	
QuakerCh	242.55	+0.51	+0.2	
QuaratRet A	13.63	-0.25	-1.8	
RadianGrp	23.35	+0.01	...	
SAP SE	139.93	+1.58	+1.1	
SEI Inv	63.44	+0.06	+0.1	
SLM Cp	20.25	+0.08	+0.4	
SafegdSci	6.99	+0.03	+0.4	
SoJerInd	26.66	+0.37	+1.4	
TE Connect	135.68	+0.36	+0.3	
Tabula	43.21	+1.51	+3.6	
Teleflex	402.19	-0.54	-0.1	
TevaPhrm	10.40	+0.02	+0.2	
TollBros	65.24	+0.17	+0.3	
TorDBk	72.10	+0.20	+0.3	
TriumphGp	19.22	+0.51	+2.7	
UGI Corp	46.05	+0.69	+1.5	

Most Active				
Stock	Last	Volume (00)	Last	Chg
AMC Ent	6580578	26.12	-40	
VertexEn	2308322	7.81	+3.82	
FordM	1514230	14.53	-3.5	
BlackBerry	1160989	10.07	+10	
Palantir n	1115759	22.95	+2.5	

Widely held stocks				
Stock	Last	Chg.	%Chg.	
UnivHrs	25.71	+0.12	+1.7	
UnivHLthS	159.63	+0.50	+0.3	
UnivstFinl	29.16	+0.38	+1.3	
UrbanZon	39.16	-0.15	-0.4	
VerizonCm	56.49	+0.20	+0.4	
VishayInt	24.07	+0.04	+0.2	
WSFS	53.21	+0.22	+0.4	
WellsFargo	46.72	-0.04	-0.1	
WestPhrm	347.51	+2.81	+0.8	

Most shares outstanding.				
Daily%YTD%				
Stock	Last	Chg.	Chg.	Chg.
AT&T Inc	21.93	-28	-9	-2.3
Alibaba	213.96	+1.22	+6	-8.1
Ambev	3.46	+0.09	+2.7	+13.1
AMovill	15.37	+0.05	+3	+5.7
AmMoviL	15.20	-0.04	+3	+4.0
Apple Inc s	124.61	+67	+5	-6.1
BP PLC	26.23	-0.05	-2	+27.8
BcBilVArg	6.23	-0.08	-1.3	+26.1
BcoSantSA	4.21	-0.01	+2	+38.0
BcoSBrazil	7.89	+0.01	+1.3	-8.7
BkofAm	42.39	-16	-4	+39.9
Barclay	10.58	-0.05	-5	+32.4
ChinaLife	10.70	+0.02	+2	-3.3
Cisco	52.90	-0.20	...	+18.2
CocaCola	55.29	unch	...	+9.4
Comcast	57.34	unch	...	+9.4
Copel rs	5.96	+3.4	+6.0	...
Equinor	21.91	+3.2	+1.5	+33.4
Ericsson	13.43	+1.3	+1.0	+21.6
ExxonMbl	58.37	-19	-3	+41.4
FordM	14.53	-35	-2.4	+65.3
GenElec	14.06	-29	-2.0	+30.2
HSBC	32.38	+42	+1.3	+25.0
ICICI Bk	18.01	-16	-9	+21.2
ING	13.97	-0.03	-2	+48.0
Infosys	19.34	-0.03	-2	+14.1
Intel	57.12	-61	-1.1	+14.7
JPMorgCh	164.24	-11	-1	+29.3
MicroSoft	249.68	+3.7	+1	+12.3
MitsuUFJ	5.79	+0.2	+3	+30.7
MizuhoFn	3.13	unch	...	+22.7
NokiaCp	5.16	+0.09	+1.8	+32.0
Nomura	5.55	-0.05	-9	+4.1
Oracle	78.74	-24	-3	+21.7
PetrbrsA	10.31	+4.8	+4.9	-6.8
Petrobras	10.21	+6.3	+6.6	-9.1
Pfizer	38.73	-0.08	+2	+5.2
RoyDSHllB	36.32	-29	-8	+8.1
RoyDSHllA	38.61	-20	-5	+9.9
SiriusXM	6.25	+0.4	+6	-1.9
TaiwSemi	117.36	+1.59	+1.4	+7.6
TakedaPh	17.09	-17	-1.0	+6.1
UBS Grp	16.37	+14	+9	+15.9
VerizonCm	56.49	+20	+4	-3.8
Vodafone	18.47	-0.09	-5	+12.1
WalMart	142.03	+3.4	-2	-1.5
WellsFargo	46.72	-0.04	-1	+54.8
WestpacBk	20.46	+0.7	+3	+37.3

Interest Rates		
Treasuries	Last	Chg.
3-mo T-bill	.01	-0.1
2-year T-note	.14	...
10-year T-note	1.58	-0.2
30-year T-bond	2.26	-0.3
6-mo T-bill	.03	-0.1

Consumer Rates		
	Nat'l Avg	Wk Ago
48-mo new car loan	4.01	4.01
Money mkt acct	0.08	0.08
1 year CD	0.30	0.30

Rates		
	Rate	Last Year
Fed-funds rate	.13	.13
Prime rate	3.25	3.25
Discount rate	.75	.75

U.S. Savings Bonds	
Series	Rate
Series EE	0.10
Series I	3.54

Mutual Funds		
Fund	NAV	Chg.
American AmrcnBalA m	32.73	+0.3
American CptWldGrncA m	65.14	+0.20
American CptInclBldrA m	68.98	+1.9
American FdmTlInvsA m	77.86	+1.0
American GrfAmrcA m	72.50	+0.3
American IncAmrcA m	26.06	+0.4
American InvCmrcA m	49.91	+0.2
American NwPrsctvA m	65.64	+0.6
American WAMtlInvsA m	57.83	+0.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	240.74	-81
Fidelity 500IdxInslm	146.18	+1.3
Fidelity BCGrowth	175.09	+3.6
Fidelity Contrafund	18.02	+0.5
Fidelity GroCo	35.42	+1.4
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInslm	120.95	+1.1
Fidelity USBldIdxInslm	12.05	...
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.92	+0.1
PIMCO Inclnstl	12.09	+0.1
PIMCO TtlRetInsl	10.32	...
Schwab SP500Idx	64.66	+0.6
T. Rowe Price BCGr	175.79	+2.5

Commodities		
Fuel	Last	Chg.
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.13	...
Crude Oil (bbl)	66.32	-.53
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.99	+0.3
Heating Oil (gal)	2.04	-0.2
Metals		
Copper (lb)	4.68	+0.1
Gold (oz)	1902.50	+6.80
Platinum (oz)	1182.40	+3.30
Silver (oz)	27.99	+0.7
Agriculture		
Cattle (lb)	1.16	...
Coffee (lb)	1.64	+0.7
Corn (bu)	6.57	-0.8
Cotton (lb)	.82	-0.1
Lumber (1000 bd ft)	1307.40	-11.60
Soybeans (bu)	15.31	-0.6
Wheat (bu)	6.64	-1.2

(Change figures reflect current contract.)

Fund		
Fund	NAV	Chg.
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	388.93	+3.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	36.65	+0.5
Vanguard GrdAdmrl	139.34	+2.3
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.83	...
Vanguard InslIdxInslm	368.05	+3.3
Vanguard InslIdxInslm Plus	368.07	+3.3
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	164.79	+9.4
Vanguard MdCpldAdmrl	289.58	+5.7
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	176.22	+1.6
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.99	+0.1
Vanguard SmCpldAdmrl	106.68	-0.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inslm	22.75	+0.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inslm	43.26	+0.6
Vanguard TlBldIdxAdmrl	11.24	+0.1
Vanguard TlBldIdxInslm	11.24	+0.1
Vanguard TlInBldIdxAdmrl	22.74	-0.1
Vanguard TlInBldIdxInslm	35.69	+1.2
Vanguard TlInBldIdxInslm	21.33	+0.7
Vanguard TlInBldIdxAdmrl	106.12	+0.9
Vanguard TlInBldIdxInslm	106.13	+0.8
Vanguard TlInBldIdxInslm	106.08	+0.9
Vanguard WldGrdAdmrl	82.77	+0.5
Vanguard WldGrdAdmrl	71.28	+0.6



CEOs including, from left, Chipotle's Brian Niccol, Advance Auto Parts' Tom Greco, and Carnival Corp.'s Arnold Donald benefited from changes to compensation formulas. AP

CEO pay

According to A1

lion in 2020, according to data analyzed by Equilar for the Associated Press. That means half the CEOs in the survey made more, and half made less. It's 5% more than the median pay for that same group of CEOs in 2019 and an acceleration from the 4.1% climb in last year's survey.

At Advance Auto Parts, CEO Tom Greco's pay for 2020 was in line to take a hit because of a mountain of pandemic-related costs. But because the board's compensation committee saw these costs as extraordinary and unanticipated, it excluded them from its calculations. That helped Greco's total compensation rise 4.7% last year to \$8.1 million.

At Carnival, the cruise operator gave stock grants to executives, in part to encourage its leaders to stick with the company as the pandemic forced it to halt sailings and furlough workers. For CEO Arnold Donald's 2020 compensation, those grants were valued at \$5.2 million, though their full value will ultimately depend on how the company performs on carbon reductions and other measures in coming years. That helped Donald receive total compensation valued at \$13.3 million for the year, up 19% from a year earlier, even as Carnival swung to a \$10.2 billion loss for the fiscal year.

Meanwhile, regular workers also saw gains, but not at the same rate as their bosses. And millions of others lost their jobs.

Wages and benefits for all workers outside the government rose just 2.6% last year. That's according to U.S. government data that ignore the effect of workers shifting between different industries. It's an important distinction, because as the economy shut down, more lower-wage earners lost their jobs than professionals who could work from home.

The AP's compensation study included pay data for CEOs at S&P 500 companies

who have served at least two full fiscal years at their companies, which filed proxy statements between Jan. 1 and April 30. It doesn't include some highly paid CEOs who don't fit that criteria. The pay figures for CEOs sometimes include grants of stock and options they may ultimately never receive unless they hit certain performance targets.

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