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‘I don’t have words’: Boss of torched Japan animation studio mourns bright, young staff



People pray in front of a row of bouquets placed out for victims of the torched Kyoto Animation building in Kyoto, Japan, July 20, 2019. REUTERS/Kim Kyung-Hoon

KYOTO, Japan (Reuters) - Many victims of an arson attack on a Japanese animation studio were young with bright futures, some joining only in April, the shaken company president said on Saturday, as the death toll climbed to 34.

People pray for victims of the torched Kyoto Animation building in Kyoto, Japan, July 20, 2019. REUTERS/Kim Kyung-Hoon

Thursday’s attack on Kyoto Animation, well known for its television series and movies, was the worst mass killing in two decades in a country with one of the world’s lowest crime rates. It was all the more poignant because of the young age of many of the victims when Japan has one of the world’s oldest populations. Many of the victims were young women, company president Hideaki Hatta said.

“Some of them joined us just in April. And on the eighth of July, I gave them a small, but their first, bonus,” he said.

Suspected Japan arsonist a reclusive, quarrelsome gamer, neighbor says

“People who had a promising future lost their lives. I don’t know what to say. Rather than feeling anger, I just don’t have words,” Hatta said.

Fifteen of the dead were in their 20s and 11 were in their 30s, public broadcaster NHK said. Six were in their 40s and one was at least 60. The age of the latest victim, a man who died in hospital, was not known and names have not yet been disclosed.

Authorities on Saturday issued an arrest warrant for 41-year-old Shinji Aoba on suspicion of arson and murder, NHK said.

Police have confirmed Aoba’s identity and said he was previously convicted of robbing a shop. They plan to arrest him once he recovers from heavy burns, NHK said. He was earlier airlifted to

a university hospital in nearby Osaka.

Aoba went to the studio on Thursday morning, poured fuel around the entrance and shouted “Die” as he set the building ablaze, according to NHK.

He told police he had done it because the studio had plagiarized his novel, Kyodo news reported. Hatta said he had not seen any correspondence from the suspect and had no idea of the plagiarism claim.

One employee who survived the fire told NHK he did so by jumping from the second-floor balcony.

The employee, who was not identified, told the broadcaster there was a loud explosion and a plume of black smoke came up through a spiral staircase, filling the second floor and making it hard to breathe. As he went to the veranda, he heard cries for help.

“It was a choice of jumping from the second floor and getting injured, or dying,” he told NHK, adding that there were employees who could not bring themselves to jump.

‘IT WAS TERRIFYING’

Aoba lived in a small, two-floor apartment building 500 km (310 miles) from the western city of Kyoto, Japan’s ancient capital, on the outskirts of Omiya, a commuter hub north of Tokyo.

A neighbor said he had a dispute over noise with Aoba just days before the attack.

“He started yelling at me to my face to shut up. He grabbed me by the collar and started pulling my hair. It was terrifying,” the 27-year-old man who declined to be identified, said.

People living near the studio said they saw a man fitting Aoba’s description in a park the day before the attack. Police suspect he may have spent a day or more in the area to prepare.

Rui Yamaguchi, who works in a factory nearby, said he saw the suspect when he was detained.

“He looked like a mannequin with no hair and blackened. One of his pants legs had gone around his calf. It looked like it had burnt off,” he said.

Near the blackened studio building, where the smell of burning timber lingered over the neighborhood, animation fans of many nationalities joined local residents, queuing up to add to a growing pile of flowers, drinks and other offerings.

Bing Xie, 25, a Chinese student at Kyoto University, said she could not forgive the arsonist.

“The young people at Kyoto Animation were beautiful and warm and it is hard to accept they are gone.” Police guarded the site as investigators, some on the roof near where many died in a connecting stairwell, examined the torched three-story building.

Tributes to the victims lit up social media, with world leaders and Apple Inc’s (AAPL.O) chief executive offering condolences. The hashtag #PrayforKyoAni, as the studio is known among fans, has become popular.

Kyoto Animation produces popular “anime” series such as the “Sound! Euphonium”. It is also known for “Violet Evergarden”, which has been shown on Netflix.



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Snap returns to user growth, beats quarterly revenue estimates

(Reuters) - Snap Inc on Tuesday beat Wall Street targets for quarterly revenue as its photo-messaging app Snapchat added users for the first time in three quarters, backed by the popularity of its original shows and the launch of a new Android app.

The owner of Snapchat said the number of daily active users on the app rose to 190 million in the first quarter ended March 31 from 186 million three months earlier, but it was slightly down from 191 million from a year earlier.

The figure, widely watched by investors and advertisers, also beat analysts' average estimate of 187.2 million, according to IBES data from Refinitiv.

In an effort to increase the amount of time users spend on the app, Snap, which faces stiff competition from Facebook Inc's Instagram, launched over 50 new shows in the reported quarter. It also rebuilt its Android app, which had more



FILE PHOTO: A woman stands in front of the logo of Snap Inc. on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) while waiting for Snap Inc. to post their IPO, in New York City, NY, U.S.



Traders work on the floor at the NYSE in New York

bugs and a worse user experience than its iOS app. The targeting of Android users is a change of tune for Snap, which prioritized development on the Apple ecosystem through its stock market launch in 2017. Snap's revenue, which it earns from selling advertising on the app, jumped 39 percent to \$320.4 million and beat Wall Street's average estimate of \$306.6 million. Revenue growth was helped in part by new ad formats

like unskippable commercials on its original shows, which are housed on the Discover page, a panel on the app that contains publisher content along with influencer content. Snap's focus on privacy and communication between friends has helped it avoid problems with misinformation and spread of unsavory content, which have plagued Facebook and Google's YouTube, two of its rivals for digital ad dollars. Average revenue per user jumped 39 percent to \$1.68 during the quarter from a year earlier. The company's net loss narrowed to

\$310.4 million, or 23 cents per share, from \$385.8 million, or 30 cents per share, a year earlier. Excluding items, the company lost 10 cents per share in the quarter. For the second quarter, Snap said it expects revenue of \$335 million to \$360 million. That compares with the average analyst estimate for revenue of \$348.5 million, according to IBES data from Refinitiv. Earlier this month, Snap launched a gaming platform within its Snapchat app featuring original and third-party games such as Zynga Inc's Tiny Royale.



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Relatives of the victims of a mob lynching incident speak to a police officer as they mourn outside a hospital in Chapra



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Now In Katy, TX: One Of The World's Fastest Supercomputers

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Bryan Bennett, Matt Lamont and Phil Schwan pose for a photo at Skybox Data Centers on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in Katy. The supercomputer is made up of tens of thousands of servers, all immersed in chilled oil to cool them. (Photo/Houston Chronicle)

Katy, Texas, isn't where you'd normally expect to find one of the fastest supercomputers in the world. But Thursday, an Australian company will fire up a digital behemoth in a data center near that Houston suburb that, when it is fleshed out by the end of the year, will have world-class computing power.

Coyly dubbed DUG McCloud, the system takes up a 22,000-square-foot room at the Skybox Data Center on Franz Road in Katy, with another identically sized room in waiting for expansion. When completed by the end of the year, it will be comprised of 40,000 processors. All this hardware is immersed in a chilled, non-toxic oil to keep it cool.

DownUnder GeoSolutions, based in Perth, Australia, conducted a global search for the data center to house its creation and settled on Katy, just a few miles from its Houston office. Two big reasons: cheap electricity and fast connectivity.



Under the tiles at the supercomputing installation at Skybox Data Centers on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in Katy. The supercomputer is made up of tens of thousands of servers, all immersed in chilled oil to cool them. (Photo/Houston Chronicle)



The cooling unit outside the supercomputing installation at Skybox Data Centers on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in Katy. The supercomputer is made up of tens of thousands of servers, all immersed in chilled oil to cool them. (Photo/Houston Chronicle)



Servers in oil keep cool at the supercomputing installation at Skybox Data Centers on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in Katy. The supercomputer is made up of tens of thousands of servers, all immersed in chilled oil to cool them. (Photo/Houston Chronicle)

"We looked at power costs and fiber-optic availability," said Matthew Lamont, DownUnder's chief executive and co-founder. "We found this beautiful new facility, and it's in Houston, where the oil industry lives. It makes sense having it in Houston."

The 21st century oil and gas industry thrives on hardcore computing power, crunching data derived from seismic testing to find oil deep in the ground and below the sea. Supercomputers speed up the process of analyzing and visualizing that data, and the faster they are, the better. DownUnder declined to disclose the names of any customers.

Orders of magnitude

While the laptop on your desk or the smartphone in your pocket are certainly powerful computers, they pale in comparison to supercomputers. While PCs and mobile devices typically have a single microprocessor handling computational chores, Supercomputers have thousands of them.

Traditional computers tackle one problem at a time, but supercomputers are designed to take a problem and break into many smaller pieces, with many processors working to solve them. In the case of DUG McCloud, the system has between 5,000 and 6,000 processors from Intel, with more on the way. By the end of the year, there will be 40,000, said Phil Schwan, DownUnder's chief technology officer.



Servers in oil keep cool at the super-

computing installation at Skybox Data Centers on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in Katy. The supercomputer is made up of tens of thousands of servers, all immersed in chilled oil to cool them. (Photo/Houston Chronicle)

"Basically, Intel can't make them fast enough," Schwan said. "We are their primary customer for them."

The system is built on a type of Xeon Phi processors from Intel, which makes DUG McCloud a rare machine. Many supercomputers are built on GPUs, or graphical processing units, which have the same kind of architecture as the chips found in high-end video cards. But there are features of the Intel chips that make them better suited for what DownUnder wants to do, Schwan said.

Timothy Pickett Morgan, co-editor of Next Platform, a trade publication focused on high-performance computing, said DownUnder has done a good job of making Intel's processors, which are an older model released in 2016, "sit up and bark with their code."

"They are the last buyer of any size for the Knight's Landing processors," he said, referring to the generation name of Intel's Xeon Phi chips. "They've got this marvelous code that would normally run on GPUs and they've done a great job of tuning that code for these processors."

Built to expand

Morgan said DownUnder's business model is similar to that of Google or Amazon Web Services, which sell access to high-performance systems and can expand as needed. To that end, there's another 22,000-square-foot room at Skybox reserved for DUG McCloud, and a 10-acre building is in the works for even more expansion.



Under the tiles at the supercomputing

installation at Skybox Data Centers on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in Katy. The supercomputer is made up of tens of thousands of servers, all immersed in chilled oil to cool them. (Photo/Houston Chronicle)

"They're running a supercomputer as a service," he said. And doing that involves finding ways to cut costs and boost profits.

For example, DownUnder has a method of connecting the processors to each other that dramatically reduces the amount of wiring, and thus the cost.

Because the hardware is submerged in oil to stay cool, fans and costly air conditioning systems aren't required, reducing power costs. The Skybox Data Center is located next to a CenterPoint power substation, so the electricity flowing into it is stable — and inexpensive.

"Houston has some of the lowest electricity costs in the country," Lamont said. He would not say how much DownUnder is paying for power.

Top500, found online at top500.org, lists the 500 most powerful supercomputers in the world. It is updated twice a year, and was last updated in November 2018. A system named Summit at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, operated by the U.S. Department of Energy, is currently at the top of the list at about 200 petaflops.



Operators of supercomputers can make the list by submitting the results of a benchmark test called Linpack. But that program doesn't run well on DUG McCloud because it's tuned for oil and gas applications, not for benchmark programs. Schwan said that, as a result, DownUnder won't be seeking inclusion on the list. (Courtesy chron.com)

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Remember President Donald Trump's threat to slap a tariff on every product the U.S. imports from Mexico? That threat in early June, which the president later dropped, had auto executives worried.

The latest numbers from Mexico shows why so many in the auto industry were so concerned.

Mexican factories sent 1.37 million vehicles north of the border during the first half of this year — making up 16.3% of the U.S. auto market, according to Mexican auto industry trade group, the Asociacion Mexicana de la Industria Automotriz.



BMW workers in San Luis Potosi Mexico working on 3 series cars. (Photo/CNBC)

That's up 13% over the same time last year and setting up 2019 for another record-breaking year for Mexican auto imports. A record 2.6 million vehicles were imported from Mexico to the U.S. in 2018, making up 15% of the U.S. auto market, according to the Mexican auto industry's latest report released Monday.

In June alone, automakers exported just under 250,000 new cars, trucks and SUVs to the U.S., an increase of 9.2% compared with the same month last year.

Those numbers are further confirmation automakers, with a few exceptions, continue to add and expand assembly lines in Mexico, even if it draws the ire of the Trump administration.

In early June, Trump threatened to put a series of escalating tariffs starting at 5% on every product imported to the U.S. from Mexico unless the Mexican government helped curb the number of migrants crossing into the U.S. The threat prompted Mexico to

First Half Of 2019 Saw Large Rise In Numbers Mexican-Made Autos Stream Across U.S. Border



Trucks carrying cars line up in front of the Otay Mesa border crossing in Tijuana. (Photo/Getty Images)

Overview

Mexican factories sent 1.37 million vehicles north of the border during the first half of this year — making up 16.3% of the U.S. auto market. Mexico's leading auto industry trade group, the Asociacion Mexicana de la Industria Automotriz, released new data this week. A record 2.6 million vehicles were imported from Mexico to the U.S. in 2018, making up 15% of the U.S. auto market.

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take actions at the border and after nine days of threats, Trump dropped the idea.



BMW Series 3 cars produced in San Luis Potosi Mexico and being loaded onto a

truck for export. (Photo/CNBC)

For auto executives, the threat may have caused headaches, but it didn't force any changes to supply and assembly lines that are firmly entrenched in Mexico.

Take BMW, in early June it officially opened a new assembly plant in San Luis Potosi that builds 3 Series sedans, it's most popular car. Most of those cars will be shipped north of the border and sold in the U.S..

"Our production network is flexible, but at this point I don't see any reason to change our plans," BMW board member Oliver Zipse told CNBC. (Courtesy cnbc.com)

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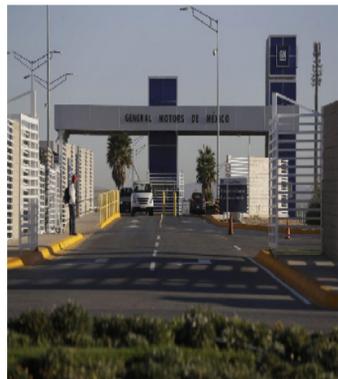
10 Most Popular American Cars That Are Made In Mexico

DETROIT — Some of America's most popular cars and trucks are made in Mexico — for now.

Many Americans have benefited from Mexico's emergence as a production hub. Low-cost production helps keep sticker prices lower on vehicles such as the Ford Fusion and Nissan Sentra.

But Mexico's growing share of the auto market is a sore spot for President Donald Trump, who has threatened to impose border taxes on Mexican imports to force com-

panies to make cars in the U.S.



Above: Cars exit the General Motors assembly plant in Villa de Reyes, outside San Luis Potosi, Mexico, on Jan. 4, 2017. Workers have produced Aveo and Trax vehicles at the plant since 2008.

Under the North American Free Trade Agreement, Mexico's share of North America's vehicle production has risen to 20 percent from 3 percent three decades ago. It's expected to hit 26 percent by 2020, according to LMC Automotive, a forecasting firm. The trade pact also contributed to a 30 percent decline in U.S. auto manufacturing jobs between 1994 and 2013, according to the nonpartisan Peterson Economic Institute, although factory automation played a role as well.

Most cars sold in the U.S. are still made here. Of the 17.5 million new vehicles sold in the U.S. last year, 9.8 million were made in the U.S. and just under 2 million were made in Mexico, according to WardsAuto. Canada and Japan followed closely behind. Here are the most popular Mexican-made vehicles in the U.S. and the total number sold in 2016 that were built in Mexico. In cases where vehicles were built in both the U.S. and Mexico, WardsAuto estimated the amount of Mexican-built production.

Ford Fusion: 257,867, Ram pickup: 246,000; Chevrolet Silverado: 222,000; Nissan Sentra: 214,709; Nissan Versa: 132,214; Volkswagen Jetta: 121,107; Dodge Journey: 106,759; GMC

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