U.S. auto import probe fans tariff fears, rises Asia, Europe

(Reuters) - A U.S. threat that it may introduce tariffs on foreign auto imports may strengthen the drive toward a two-day meeting on Wednesday by a Trump administration commission to research trade tariffs on imported vehicles.

The probe, launched under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, will look at whether vehicle and parts imports are threatening the industry’s health and ability to research and develop advanced technologies, Ross said on Wednesday. “If this proposal is carried out, it would deal a staggering blow to the very industry it purports to protect and would establish a new precedent for global trade war,” chamber President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas Donohue said in a statement. He repudiated the report to reverse course.

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Memorial Towers unveils new piece by ‘artist in residence’

The owner of the Memorial Towers apartments will unveil a local art installation by one of its residents Wednesday as the latest improvement to the midcentury midrise. Artist Lance Flowers created mixed media paintings to be displayed in the lobby at 5400 Memorial Drive, a 50-year-old building owned by Houston-based Barvin Group.

"It’s pretty unique to have a resident contributing to the structure of the building and the atmosphere of it," said Eric Barvin of the Barvin Group. "We hope other residents will appreciate what Lance has created."

The pieces, which incorporate a collage of luxury shoe boxes, shopping bags and Champagne labels, show scenes of residents in the building and their pets.

The owners of Chicago’s Tribune Tower have unveiled plans to build a skyscraper next to the neo-gothic building that would be the city’s second tallest.

The pieces depict different aspects of the Memorial Tower’s perspective and living experience," Flowers said in an announcement. He described it as "vibrant, innovative, inclusive, environmentally friendly and all custom to Memorial Towers."

Flowers, a native Houstonian and longtime resident of Memorial Towers, did work for the Houston Super Bowl committee and participated in Project Rowhouses. He approached Barvin Group with the idea.

Since Barvin Group acquired the 112-unit building in 2016, Memorial Towers has been restored with a midcentury decor and updates reminiscent of when it was built. The 8-story building is at Memorial and Detering, just east of Memorial Park.

Sanford Steinberg of Steinberg Dickey Collaborative handled the exteriors, while Abby Garrett of Abby Garrett Interiors designed the interiors. BG Construction, Barvin’s construction management division, completed the renovations in April 2017. Houston-based Asset Plus Cos. manages the apartments.

Katy homeowner shot in garage

A Katy homeowner was shot Tuesday night by two men who approached him in his open garage. Around 10 p.m., the homeowner was in his "man cave" in his garage, near Williamschase and Elrod. He had his garage door open, and two unknown men approached on foot, according to a Harris County Sheriff’s Office captain.

Katy area man shot in driveway

Deputies are unsure if anything was said, but the two men pulled out a gun and started shooting. The homeowner was shot several times and moved to the hospital by Lifeflight, deputies said.

He is in critical condition...
FILE PHOTO: French President Macron speaks during a news conference after the talks with his Russian counterpart Putin in St. Petersburg.

A 2018 Toyota 4Runner vehicle is seen for sale at the Toyota Suburban auto dealership in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

A 2018 Mercedes-Benz luxury vehicle is seen at the Mercedes-Benz of Novi auto dealership in Novi, Michigan.

FILE PHOTO: Harvey Weinstein arrives at the 89th Academy Awards in Hollywood.

Riot policemen face students from the UPEA (Public University of El Alto) during a protest to demand an increase in their budget in El Alto.

North Korea’s nuclear test center was completely dismantled in accordance with the decision of the 3rd Plenary Meeting of the 7th General Conference of the Workers’ Party of Korea in this undated photo released by North Korea’s Korean Central News Agency.

Arthur Sadoun, CEO of Publicis Groupe SA attends the Viva Tech start-up and technology summit in Paris.

Federal deputy Jair Bolsonaro, a pre-candidate for Brazil’s presidential election, is greeted by supporters as he arrives at Luis Eduardo Magalhaes International Airport in Salvador.

Niklas Zennstrom, founding partner and CEO at Atomic and co-founder and former CEO at Skype attends the Viva Tech start-up and technology summit in Paris.
The Tomb of the Unknowns Located in Arlington National Cemetery.

MEMORIAL DAY PHOTOS FROM PAST YEARS

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the U.S. that honors soldiers and is observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, this day annually commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in military service. The day was first exacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the American Civil War, but it was created after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day often marks the start of the summer vacation season, and after World War II began as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the civil war, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was used for more general expressions of mourning, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family gatherings, travel to the beach, and national events such as the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 auto races. One of the longest-standing traditions, the Indianapolis 500, has held its race in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911. It marks on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, which is May 20, 2018, the first Memorial Day since 1911. It marks on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, which is May 20, 2018, the first Memorial Day since 1911. It marks on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, which is May 20, 2018, the first Memorial Day since 1911.
Ebola Reaches DRC City, Raising Epidemic Feared As Eleven New Cases Confirmed

New Ebola Cases In Central African City Prompt Fears Virus Is Surfing

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Officials in the Democratic Republic of the Congo have said the Ebola outbreak in the vast central African country has entered "a new phase" after a case of the deadly virus was detected in the north-west city of Mbandaka.

This latest urban case significantly escalates the risk of an epidemic, and has prompted the UN World Health Organization to convene an emergency committee on Friday to consider the danger of the disease spreading to other countries.

Health officials warn that a new case of Ebola in central Africa is a "major, major game-changer." Two years after the worst Ebola epidemic in history finally subsided, the virus is popping up again. It is feared the outbreak could trigger more international involvement, mobilising research and resources, in a way that a case in a remote rural area does not.

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Mbandaka, a city of a million, is located on the banks of the Congo river, a major thoroughfare for trade and transport into Kinshasa, though experts said that transport through it is limited and very expensive.

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今日，根據天下霸唱的鬼吹燈系列小說改編，導演非行執導的電影《雲南虫谷》發布“摸金歸來”版海報和預告，宣布影片正式定檔9月30日，進軍國慶檔。

“摸金歸來”版海報重現了原著中的經典場景——地下暗河。摸金三人組身處單薄的小竹筏，神情機警，隨時準備應戰。而與之相對的則是兇險的環境：狹窄河道的水流激烈湍急，究竟暗藏著多少未知危險；河道上方懸掛著壹排人俑，加上兩個表情捉摸不透的佛像，更顯詭異。

“摸金歸來”版預告則將原著中最具想象力的宏大場景壹壹呈現，重巒疊章的遮龍山、神秘詭譎的獻王墓等。“彩雲之南，藏龍之巔。雲裂路開，寸地尺天”表明了這次故事發生的地點是能夠激起人好奇心和探險欲的神秘雲南。“萬古雲梯登金殿，風動仙闕玄九天”透露了古滇國獻王墓的飄渺神奇。原著中最令人膽寒的各種異獸也在預告中初露端倪，似要踏破天地的巨大獸爪、密密麻麻迎面飛來的水彘蜂，搭配壹句“燈變色，鬼留人”，這壹切都在暗示著這場奇幻冒險之旅即將開啟。

電影《雲南蟲谷》由天下霸唱原著，導演非行執導，蔡珩、顧璇、於恒、成泰燊、馬浴柯、陳雨鍏主演。電影講述了摸金三人組胡八壹、Shirley楊、王胖子三人為破除詛咒，經歷重重艱難險阻深入古滇國獻王陵墓中尋找雮塵珠的故事。

《我不是藥神》徐崢 130場戲演繹“爛人” 制作特輯曝光 徐崢身兼主演監制戰鬥力爆棚

今日，由徐崢監制並領銜主演的電影《我不是藥神》曝光了主演徐崢特輯。在特輯中，不僅呈現出徐崢在片場“戰鬥力”驚人的全情投入，還有130場戲的艱苦付出，更讓人感受到他對角色的深切情感，以及顛覆以往的精湛演出。據悉，影片《我不是藥神》展現因“藥”而展開的小人物成長為平民英雄的故事，將於7月6日全面公映。

從讀劇本被角色魅力所吸引，到努力為觀眾呈現壹個“大家都沒見過的徐崢”，徐崢在深入體會角色特點的過程中，賦予了角色生命力。影片聚焦因“藥”而展開的小人物成長為平民英雄的故事。程勇這個角色的成長過程，交織著復雜的心理變化，塑造角色的難度不言而喻，導演文牧野給予了角色“爛人”的設定，並透露徐崢在影片中有130余場高強度戲份。徐崢闡述：“這個角色最打動我的就是他內心的轉變，壹開始是想自救，是想賺錢，在過程中見證到了生命的脆弱，然後主動站了出來。”為了塑造出這個角色，徐崢在片場始終保持著全情投入的狀態，以體會角色心理，正如他自己形容的，“感覺自己像壹個小孩子重新回到片廠”，他始終以壹種熱情的狀態活躍在繁重的拍攝任務之中。

在影片中，因“藥”集結的“治愈小隊”之間的情感是壹大看點。特輯中，主創之間的深厚情誼從戲中延伸到了戲外。徐崢和主創們不乏“神油群舞”、“火鍋趴”等溫暖、歡樂的互動。片場融洽氛圍下，徐崢直言其更是貢獻了以往影片中少見的剛性表演，同時突破了自己哭戲的瓶頸，顛覆演繹出大家從沒有看過的另壹面。

在拍攝壹場重情感戲份時，主創們都會在場以擁抱和安慰，陪伴哭戲中的徐崢直到淩晨五點拍攝完成。對於《我不是藥神》這部電影而言，實力班底中的所有人都做出了專業出色的奉獻，主創之間的神奇“化學反應”，更是讓彼此成就了最精彩的表演。正如徐崢所說：“我很幸運，壹起工作的是壹幫真正的演員。”
科幻驚悚片《伊阿索密碼》首曝預告
全片呈黑白色調
北極之旅殺機四伏

環衛緊張的預告，展現了步步殺機，驚悚懸疑的畫面令人毛骨悚然，各演員也逐漸揭開神秘面紗。

導演釋疑：黑色幽默是調劑

根據已公佈的劇情，影片將講述在近未來的世界，城市居民紛紛身患神秘絕癥。梁靜飾演的醫學院高材生林子琪為了給自己的姐姐羽琪湊足高昂的醫藥費而中了姚先遠的陰謀，在姚博士的勸說和幫助下，不得已攜帶姐姐踏上了去往北極基地尋求最後壹絲希望的旅程的故事。但他們不知的是這壹條致命的航線，求生之路岌岌可危。

電影《伊阿索密碼》今日曝光了壹組海報，圖卡、如意、華蕊、醫生、琪雅、智者、圖卡等叛軍陣營重磅角色以及阿修羅王的手下屍婆羅悉數亮相。

《阿修羅》曝光“叛軍山全景”海報

自《阿修羅》日前曝光了壹組“叛軍山全景”版海報，九張海報聚合是阿修羅界叛軍山全景，而每壹部分點開卻又各有千秋，蒼茫厚重的叛軍山、雄偉華麗的欲望戰艦、奇異詭譎的生長系植物等諸多阿修羅界景色盡收眼底。

在電影《阿修羅》中，阿修羅界是個極致的欲望世界，欲望的高低決定每個人的生命狀態。欲望最為強盛的阿修羅王的終極野心就是通過打天破壞善惡法則，將欲望法則推行至六界。而阿修羅界還有另壹組力量——信奉自然法則的叛軍，他們堅信善與愛才是獲得幸福的不二法門，他們的使命就是阻止阿修羅王的打天之舉。相較於王宮大殿的華貴，叛軍們的生活場景顯得十分古樸，本次發布的海報正式曝光了叛軍山的場景。

據悉這部電影由吳磊、梁家輝、劉嘉玲、張藝上、明道、馮嘉怡、董琦、多布傑、圖卡等聯袂出演，將於2018年暑期登場。

由吳昕昕監制，徐嘯力導演，實力派演員斯琴高娃，褚栓忠，李暢、郝星棋、閻青妤、王建國主演的電影《荒城紀》今日上映。至上映當日，《荒城紀》鄭州、成都、深圳、上海、杭州五地路演全部結束，路演這些天來，《荒城紀》口碑壹路走高，不僅獲得了影迷的積極參與聯名推薦，還獲得著名導演賈樟柯、彭發，著名演員梅婷、主持人崔永元“票房大賣”的祝福與贊譽。

但《荒城紀》卻遇到了不少國產電影所遭遇過的排片難的問題。在當前的市場情態下，沒有流量演員的電影排片難的狀況眾所周知，雖然有斯琴高娃老師等壹批老戲骨撐場，但因為沒有流量演員加持，讓本來想以質量取勝的《荒城紀》遭遇排片滑鐵盧。就當下的排片狀況看，進口片占到總排片的70%，擁有明星的國產片占到了20%，剩下10%將由五部國產片競爭份額，據悉還有進口片也正在加大力度爭搶最後的10%。

雖然排片已成定局，但在《荒城紀》“5月18日邀您看戲”的寄語下，依舊有四十位影評人親筆簽名，聯合發聲，傾力推薦觀眾走入影院，感受這部沒用流量明星打擾，卻用不落俗套的黑色幽默震撼到觀眾的電影。
佛光山中美寺浴佛法会，园游会

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