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Atria and BAT will begin running ads to resolve a U.S. lawsuit over the industry's misleading statements about cigarettes' and their health effects. **A1**

◆ **Hollywood is being** shortchanged by millions of dollars at China's box office, a recent audit shows. **A1**

◆ **Tesla badly missed** its goal of building 1,500 Model 3 cars in the third quarter, blaming "production bottlenecks." **B1, B10**

◆ **GM and Ford** ramped up their plans for electric vehicles in coming years. **B3**

◆ **The amount of money** flowing into emerging markets is set to top \$1 trillion in 2017, the biggest flow of funds in three years. **B1**

◆ **Berkshire made a bet** on American truckers with a deal to acquire nearly 40% of the operator of Pilot and Flying J travel centers. **B6**

◆ **Abu Dhabi launched** the sale of bonds worth \$10 billion, raising cash from the international markets to help bolster its finances. **B6**

◆ **GE ex-CEO Immelt** is stepping aside as chairman and leaving the board ahead of schedule. **B2**

◆ **Uber's board is bracing** for a battle over voting control after two investors threatened legal action. **B4**

◆ **Major auto makers** posted mostly solid sales gains in September. **B3**

◆ **Banks cut** their oil-price forecasts for a fifth consecutive month. **B10**

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◆ **Investigators continued** the hunt for answers into why a retiree and gambler opened fire on a crowd of concertgoers in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. **A1, A6**

◆ **The Supreme Court** will consider whether to set limits on drawing electoral districts to maximize partisan gain. **A7**

◆ **A postmortem report** concluded that the nerve agent VX killed the half brother of Kim Jong Un. **A3**

◆ **The White House** said Trump has confidence in Tillerson, a day after the president said the chief diplomat was "wasting his time" by trying to negotiate with North Korea. **A3**

◆ **Catalonia's bid** to secede from Spain is the most dramatic example in years of the tensions between regions and national governments. **A5**

◆ **Hundreds of thousands** of Catalans confronted Spanish police as they mobilized to protest a crackdown during their independence referendum. **A5**

◆ **Putin told** the new U.S. ambassador to Moscow he hoped Washington would follow a policy of "noninterference" in the country's domestic affairs. **A4**

◆ **Three U.S. scientists** won the Nobel Prize for physics for their instrumental role in detecting gravitational waves. **A4**

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Medical Report Details Impact of Nerve-Agent Assault



POISONING: Doan Thi Huong of Vietnam, one of two women accused of murdering Kim Jong Nam, the half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, leaving a Malaysian courthouse Tuesday. A postmortem report was submitted as evidence. **A3**

Officials Scrutinize Las Vegas Shooter's Motive

LAS VEGAS—Investigators continued to hunt for answers into why a gambler opened fire on a crowd of concertgoers Sunday night in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

By Dan Frosch, Jon Kamp and Ian Lovett

Authorities have found 42 guns linked to Stephen Paddock, including those they say he brought to the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino and weapons recovered from his home in Mesquite, Nev. Inside the 64-year-old's home, located about 80 miles from the hotel, was a large stockpile of ammunition and an explosive that detonates when shot by bullets, authorities said.

Still, authorities have yet to say why Paddock, described by his brother as a wealthy man and an avid gambler, would have gone on such a deadly rampage. He killed himself as SWAT units descended on his room, police said.

The Sunday-night attack and the chaos that followed left at least 59 people dead and more than 500 injured, shocking a city known for gambling and glittery entertainment.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval declared on Monday an emergency and public-health and medical disaster, which "suspends all necessary statutes and rules" to allow medical personnel licensed in other states to practice in Nevada, according to his office.

Hospitals were inundated with hundreds of those injured. *Please see VEGAS page A6*

An Exile Battles Beijing

Businessman Guo Wengui prepares war chest for campaign vs. Communist Party

Guo Wengui, an exiled Chinese businessman living in New York who has accused some of China's leaders of corruption and other misdeeds, said he has prepared a war chest to advance his vocal campaign against the Communist Party and fight Beijing's

By Cezary Podkul in New York and Chun Han Wong in Beijing

attempts to discredit him.

Mr. Guo, who last month applied for political asylum in the U.S., told The Wall Street Journal he has set aside more than \$150 million for legal fees and other expenses that he expects to incur over the next few years as he battles defamation and other lawsuits and steps up his anti-government rhetoric.

"Nothing can stop me," Mr. Guo said in an interview in his luxury apartment overlooking Manhattan's Central Park recently. He said he is confident the U.S. will grant him asylum and will confront what he called Chinese government efforts to "silence" him. "The U.S. is the last land of

justice," Mr. Guo said. "I would not be alive were it not for the U.S."

Mr. Guo—who also calls himself Miles Kwok—is a self-made Chinese property tycoon who has lived in the U.S. since 2015. He has said he fled China after learning that a state-security official he had ties to was going to be detained as part of a government anticorruption campaign.

Over the past nine months, Mr. Guo has captivated some politically minded Chinese citizens and vexed the Chinese government with a barrage of tweets, online videos and social-media posts alleging corrupt links between China's political and corporate elites. He

has pledged to release documents detailing Chinese politicians' wealth and ownership of luxury real estate overseas—information he claims to have obtained through past work with Chinese state security and private investigators he hired to explore leads.

Mr. Guo has stepped up his attacks in recent weeks. He recently wrote an opinion piece in the Washington Times criticizing the "leviathan Chinese Mafia state" and made plans to give a speech Wednesday at the Hudson Institute, a Washington-based think tank. He said he will talk about China's political ambitions and the impact of China's investments. *Please see GUO page A2*

Chinese Theaters Fudge Take, U.S. Audit Finds

By WAYNE MA

HONG KONG—Hollywood is being shortchanged by millions of dollars at China's box office, according to a recent audit for the Motion Picture Association of America, according to people familiar with the matter.

Auditors at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP working on behalf of the MPAA concluded that ticket sales in China were underreported by about 9% last year, one of the people said.

That translates into at least \$40 million in lost revenue for the six Hollywood studios that make up the MPAA, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis of last year's box-office take. Box-office data show their films grossed at least

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Hollywood's Star Performance

Disney was the only major Hollywood studio to have a film in China's top five by gross income in 2016. It was also the leader by gross among U.S. studios in China.

Top five grossing films in China, 2016

Film	Distributor	Box office
The Mermaid (2016)	Other	\$527 million
Zootopia	Disney	236
Warcraft	Other	214
The Monkey King 2	Other	185
Captain America: Civil War	Disney	181

Top five grossing films in China from major U.S. studios, 2016

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Captain America: Civil War	Disney	181
The Jungle Book (2016)	Disney	150
Star Wars: The Force Awakens	Disney	124
X-Men: Apocalypse	Fox	121

Source: Box Office Mojo

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Mexico's New Hero Loves Having Her Ears Scratched

Dogged quake rescues give hope to nation wary of public servants

By ROBBIE WHELAN

MEXICO CITY—The most popular public employee in Mexico is 8 years old, weighs 70 pounds, is covered in yellow fur and likes chasing rubber balls.

Her name is Frida, and she is a Labrador sniffer dog for the Mexican Navy. She became a nationwide celebrity after the 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck Sept. 19, showing up at collapsed buildings to look for survivors.

Dozens of newspaper reporters and TV stations have lined up to "interview" Frida, who hosts news conferences while wearing booties and "doggles." She pants contentedly, barks and endures petting and ear scratching while cameras and microphones are

shoved in front of her snout. Frida T-shirts and Frida piñatas have popped up for sale, two merchandise-related trademarks were filed in her name, and Facebook users are nudging Mexico's central bank to replace muralist Diego Rivera with a portrait of Frida in her rescue gear on the 500-peso note. She would be the second Frida on the bill. Painter Frida Kahlo, Mr. Rivera's wife, is on the back.

"The country is in a moment of fear and uncertainty right now. And Frida represents joy and hope," says Verónica Granados, a publicist in Mexico City who bought Frida stuffed animals online for her 5-year-old niece

and herself.

Frida's popularity contrasts sharply with the disappointment and distrust many Mexicans feel about the government's overall response to the earthquake. It killed at least

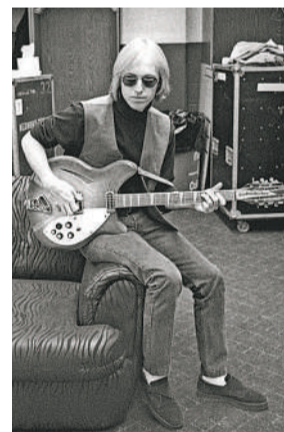
361 people, including 220 in Mexico City, where it toppled 38 buildings and seriously damaged about 1,800 others.

President Enrique Peña Nieto's approval rating fell to 16% in the third quarter, according to a poll released Thursday. Only about 35% of Mexicans polled by the newspaper Reforma said they approve of Mr. Peña Nieto or the city government's response to the earthquake. *Please see DOG page A8*



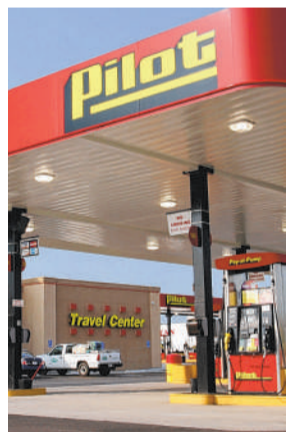
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Big Tobacco to Pay To Criticize Itself

By JENNIFER MALONEY

Broadcast television networks and metro newspapers are about to get a boost from an unexpected but familiar source: Big Tobacco.

It's an old media buy to resolve an old fight. Starting as soon as next month, Altria Group Inc. and British American Tobacco PLC will begin running court-mandated ads to put to rest a lawsuit brought nearly two decades ago by the U.S. Department of Justice over misleading statements the industry had made about cigarettes and their health effects.

The television spots, between 30 and 45 seconds long, will run in prime time five days a week for 52 weeks, and will appear mostly on ABC, CBS or NBC, Altria said. They won't have the graphic images of a typical antismoking public-service announcement. In-

stead, these ads will be reminiscent of the disclosure at the end of a pharmaceutical ad, displaying court-mandated text in black on a white screen with a voice narration.

"Altria, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, Lorillard, and Philip Morris USA intentionally designed cigarettes to make them more addictive," one ad will say. Another reads: "More people die every year from smoking than from murder, AIDS, suicide, drugs, car crashes, and alcohol, combined."

Although the starkness of the black-and-white text ads could be persuasive because they are out of the ordinary, ad executives said, it is unclear how effective they will be when fewer young people are watching broadcast TV or reading newspapers.

"The good news for the tobacco companies is they'll avoid a lot of their younger audience." *Please see ADS page A7*