

A co-founder of Turing Pharmaceuticals, the company created by “pharma bro” Martin Shkreli and known for its sharp increase in the price of a common treatment for a deadly AIDS-related illness, allegedly sexually assaulted another executive at the embattled drug maker. Nancy Retzlaff claims in a federal complaint that, following an internal investigation and Shkreli’s departure, Turing officials retaliated against her over the alleged attack. According to Retzlaff, interim chief financial officer Edwin Urrutia assaulted her in a Washington, D.C., hotel room in March, while she was in town to testify before Congress; the incident was not reported to police. According to Retzlaff’s court documents, Urrutia ultimately resigned after an internal investigation upheld her story, “in lieu of termination.” According to the complaint, several promises that were made to Retzlaff were broken after the incident, including a promotion. Retzlaff also accuses Shkreli of sexism—at times even vulgarity—that created an inappropriate office culture. Retzlaff filed the complaint Monday. Urrutia did not respond to requests for comment.

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In an article published by *Nature World News* on Wednesday, researchers announced the discovery of a new “Earth-like” planet orbiting a star not far from our sun. The planet has not been named yet, but was found circling the star Proxima Centauri—a “cool, tiny red dwarf” scientists have long suspected might be capable of having a planet in its orbit. The unnamed planet, known as Proxima b, is reported to orbit within Proxima Centauri’s “habitable zone” and is only a short distance of 4.25 light-years away from Earth. Scientists estimate the planet receives enough radiation to retain a surface temperature of around -40° Fahrenheit. Based on what is known about other red dwarf star planets, Proxima b is likely rocky and has one side constantly left in darkness. Scientists are unsure whether it is in fact capable of supporting alien life, but it is believed it could have a surface “capable of holding liquid water” and sustaining life forms.

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According to Eric Trump, it would be “foolish” for his father Donald to release his income-tax returns amid the presidential race. “You would have a bunch of people who know nothing about taxes trying to look through and trying to come up with assumptions on things they know nothing about,” the 32-year-old spawn of the real-estate mogul said on CNBC Wednesday. “It would be foolish to do. I’m actually the biggest proponent of not doing it.” Despite repeated calls from both sides of the aisle for Trump to release his taxes, the GOP nominee has falsely maintained that he cannot release his taxes while they are subject to an Internal Revenue Service audit. His son repeated the claim Wednesday, telling the financial-news network: “No tax attorney in the world will tell you to release your tax returns while you’re under a standard routine audit.”

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Two days after sending Iran pallets loaded with cash totaling \$400 million, the U.S. reportedly paid an additional \$1.3 billion to the country from a fund for unresolved international debts. State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau confirmed the amount and said it involved 13 separate payments of \$99,999,999.99, in addition to a final \$10 million payment. Trudeau said “diplomatic sensitivities” precluded her from speaking more about the Jan. 19 money. Both amounts reportedly settled a payment owed to Iran over undelivered U.S. military equipment that never reached the country because of the 1979 revolution. The State Department announced last week

that the cash payments were contingent upon the release of four Americans being detained in Iran. President Obama in the past has said there was “no ransom” paid for their release.

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The American University of Afghanistan in Kabul was attacked on Wednesday, the school's president, Mark English, confirmed to the AP. Mohammad Saleem Rasouly, head of the city's hospitals, said at least one student was killed and another 14 were wounded in the event, which involved an explosion and extended gunfire around 7 p.m. local time. Hours later, many were still trapped inside the compound. Special forces reportedly entered after nightfall. "Several gunmen attacked the American University in Kabul and there are reports of gunfire and explosions," an official said. "They are inside the compound and there are foreign professors along with hundreds of students." An Afghan interior ministry official told Reuters, "Several gunmen attacked the American University in Kabul and there are reports of gunfire and explosions. They are inside the compound and there are foreign professors along with hundreds of students." A student, Ahmad Shaheer, told the agency that he was unable to leave. "We are stuck inside our classroom and there are bursts of gunfire," he said. *The New York Times* reported that a car bomb may have been responsible for the initial explosion. Pulitzer Prize-winning AP photojournalist Massoud Hossaini reported that he was “trapped” inside the building and that he heard an “explosion.” He added a dire message: “this maybe my last tweets.” Police officials reportedly said: “We’re dealing with a complex attack inside the American university,” adding that “special forces” were en route to the scene. CBS News reporter Ahmad Mukhtar said he escaped but that other professors and students were still inside.

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Saturday Night Live comedienne and *Ghostbusters* star Leslie Jones became the victim of another round of internet abuse Wednesday when her website was hacked and nude photographs were leaked. After breaching Jones’s website, the hacker published nude photos along with images of her driver’s license and passport, effectively leaking her personal information to the web. Revealing a seemingly racist motive behind the attack, the hacker also published a video of Harambe—the gorilla shot and killed at the Cincinnati Zoo this summer—at the top Jones’s site. Just last month, Jones was the victim of a hate-filled Twitter attack, led by white-nationalist star troll Milo Yiannopoulos, which included posts comparing the 48-year-old black woman to a gorilla. After the attack, Jones met with Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey to discuss ridding the social-media service of its many abusive users.

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Donald Trump’s new campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, told a U.K. news channel the real-estate mogul is actually winning in U.S. election polls. Conway contended that poll numbers in the U.S. are inaccurate because the Republican’s supporters are “undercover,” and she has survey

figures that are more accurate—but she can't say specifically what they are. Conway said the polls that are widely publicized in the United States contain “cherry-picked” numbers. “Donald Trump performs consistently better in online polling, where a human being is not talking to another human being about what he or she may do in the election,” Conway said. “It's because it's become socially desirable, if you're a college-educated person in the United States of America, to say that you're against Donald Trump.” She said the real numbers are an indicator of a “hidden Trump vote.” She added, “It's a project we're doing internally. I call it the undercover Trump voter, but it's real.”

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Can This Woman Stop Trump's Trainwreck?

Patricia Murphy

At least 120 people were killed after a 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck central Italy in the middle of the night Wednesday near the town of Perugia, the U.S. Geological Survey said, in what is being described by the Italian Civil Protection agency as a “severe” seismic event. The epicenter is in the province of Rieti, northeast of Rome. Residents in the capital city reported tremors that lasted as long as 20 seconds.

The mayor of Amatrice, a small town with a population of a few thousand, said buildings collapsed and that residents are stuck under debris. “The roads in and out of town are cut off. Half the town is gone. There are people under the rubble,” Mayor Sergio Peruzzi said in a radio interview on RAI. “There's been a landslide and a bridge might collapse.” According to the Associated Press, a family of four in the town of Accumoli was “trapped under debris, without any signs of life.” The quake hit at 3:36 a.m. local time.

Italian media said several aftershocks were reported, including one that was a magnitude 5.5. Many of the buildings in the affected towns are centuries old. A USGS geophysicist told CNN the region could be facing “very significant losses.” Prime Minister Matteo Renzi's office said in a tweet that the government is “in contact with all affected areas” and was deploying rescue efforts.

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Donald Trump's campaign used its own funds to buy more copies of one of his books than the rest of the world did in the second week of May. The purchase was so large that it even pushed the 2015 title onto the bestseller list of Nielsen BookScan, according to data obtained by The Daily Beast.

On May 10, the Trump campaign spent \$55,000 at a New York Barnes & Noble on 3,964 copies of *Crippled America: How to Make America Great Again*, The Daily Beast reported Wednesday. The buy was a departure from standard campaign practice, which dictates that bulk orders be placed with the book publisher to avoid artificially boosting sales.

In the same week, other cities in the United States purchased a mere fraction of what the Trump campaign did: Seventy copies were sold in Philadelphia, 78 in Los Angeles, and 41 in Dallas.

If Trump personally profited from the book royalties, he would have violated federal law prohibiting campaign funds from being converted for personal use.

The Trump campaign did not respond on the record to inquiries about this matter. Trump's publisher Simon & Schuster and Barnes & Noble did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

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Donald Trump will bring a special guest onto the stage with him Wednesday night in Jackson, Mississippi: Nigel Farage, the leader of the Brexit movement. The anti-E.U. activist will not endorse the real-estate mogul for president, but said he will be on-stage to tell "the Brexit Story." Trump himself tweeted days ago: "They will soon be calling me MR. BREXIT!" and has been vocally supportive of the vote in the U.K. to leave the European Union, deeming it a "great thing" and a successful attempt by citizens to take "the country back." He said at the time: "People are angry all over the world."

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About a dozen Turkish tanks entered Syria early Wednesday in an effort to run ISIS out of the northern town of Jarablus, which is considered a hub of the terror group. U.S. planes were providing air cover for the operation, according to an official who told Reuters that Washington is "in sync" with Turkey on the assault. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said the operation was also targeting Kurdish militants. The tanks followed airstrikes and bombs that peppered the town overnight. "At 4 a.m. this morning, operations started in the north of Syria against terror groups which constantly threaten our country," Erdoğan said. Officials claimed the operation was in self-defense, after months of suicide bombings and attacks on Turkish citizens. A bombing at a wedding this weekend killed more than 50 people. It followed deadly attacks in Ankara, Istanbul, and elsewhere. Meanwhile, Vice President Joe Biden arrived in Ankara for talks with Erdoğan in the first high-ranking U.S. visit since an attempted July coup strained relations with the NATO ally.

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