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## Shocking Last Will Exonerates Wu Industries

The discovery of the last will and testament of Dr. Michael A. Lawrence-Kross in conjunction with NYPD findings conclusively exonerate Wu Industries and its CEO, Brian Wu of any responsibility for Lawrence-Kross's illegal activities.

Lawrence-Kross committed suicide two weeks ago as police raided his home to find a highly sophisticated drug lab was found hidden in his basement.

Wu Industries issued a statement yesterday emphasizing its condolences for the death of Lawrence-Kross and expressing hope that the revelation of his will would bring an end to the round of irresponsible finger-pointing which followed Lawrence-Kross' death.

In the aftermath of this tragedy was a media uproar as investigators and irresponsible media outlets attempted to portray Wu Industries as somehow responsible for these events. Some even went so far as to attempt to blame Wu himself. This absurd finger-pointing occurred even despite Wu's very public and noble efforts to research sempreverde and its dangers, and further ignored the extensive anti-drug and

security check performed by the company – checks that only failed to Lawrence-Kross' descent into drug abuse because of its recent start, as outlined in Lawrence-Kross' will,

“I can only feel shame for the harm I bring upon myself and the company. Wu gave me a home, gave me a chance. Although I may bring myself to ruin through this path, I cannot bear the thought of bringing harm to him as well. What has occurred is the fault of myself and myself alone.”

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## Anti-Sempreverde Measure Signed

Governor Spitzer's signature of the 'Sempreverde Control Bill' Wednesday finally brings into effect legal measures directly aimed against sempreverde itself.

Previously, the NYPD had to use laws aimed against the production of methamphetamines when cracking down on sempreverde labs and laws against illegal possession of controlled chemicals against those possessing the drug itself (sempreverde is partially derived from several restricted industrial solvents).

As a result of the ongoing crackdown, sempreverde production in the city has been cut by about a third, according to police spokesman Laura Mangino, and street prices have gone up accordingly. “Fortunately, use of the drug had not yet become widespread when we became aware of its dangers. We hope to nip this fad in the bud,” said Mangino

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## Sex for Grades at Pritchard High?

Police is expected to make arrests early next week in what has been described as a 'sex for grades' scheme at the prestigious catholic school for girls.

The scandal broke early this week when concerned parents went to police over concerns about their daughter's unusual behavior.

According to police sources, it is as yet unclear how many staff members are involved in the alleged conspiracy.

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## Vigilantism on the Rise?

Early A string of violent incidents of vigilantism have sparked police concern.

Such incidents are still quite rare, but have become increasing common over the past two months, particularly in the Bronx.

Although these incidents occur in widely separated areas of the city, many of them do follow a common pattern, according to a senior NYPD detective who wished to remain anonymous. “Usually, there are no heroes involved. One petty criminal will do something to another. It could be any number of crimes. The intended victim usually tried, unsuccessfully, to flee from their attacker and, failing that, to stab them in self-defense. Following the attack, friends of the victim will gather, seek out the person they believe responsible for the crime, and viciously attack them.”

Many of these vigilante attacks have been committed with home-made wooden stabbing implements reminiscent of the serial killer known

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only as 'the Street Devil.' According to a Neighborhood Watch leader, who wished to remain anonymous, other weapons involved in these incidents have included everything from cooking utensils to firearms to, in at least one case, a smoke grenade.

"We understand the urge to take matters of self-defense into one's own hands," said police spokesman Laura Mangino. "We must insist, however, that you leave such matters to the professionals. If you are attacked, please contact the police so that we can get to the root of the problem. Vigilante activity will only lead to innocent deaths and more violence."

Neighborhood Watch spokesman Reginald Fitzgerald likewise discouraged vigilante activity, "If you feel intimidated by going to the police, at least contact the Watch. We are here to help protect you." Fitzgerald further requested that alert New Yorkers report any signs of vigilante activity. "This is real life, not a movie. Vigilantism can only lead to more unnecessary violence."

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## Horoscopes

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Patience is a virtue which you will need to learn to embrace. Try to refrain from anger.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** The substance of your life is yours to shape – Nothing can hold you back from that unless you allow it to.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You have a great capacity for compassion that doesn't often bubble to the surface. Don't be afraid to explore that.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Don't always assume that you are the victim, that is how monsters are made.

**LEO (July 23- Aug 22):** You're chasing after things you ought not be... and you (Yeah, the other one) relax and eat a f\*cking donut.

**VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 23):** There's an important decision bearing down upon

you. It may change your life. Be careful in your actions and words.

**LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22):** If somebody gives you a second chance, run with it!

**SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21):** A little ambition can be a good thing. Don't feel like you always have to be at the bottom of the totem pole.

**SAGITTARIUS (Dec 22 - Jan 19):** You need to confront issues muddying your past if you are to move forward in life. Don't deny what has happened.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19):** If you have been love, count yourself luckier than much of the world and be content.

**AQUARIUS (Feb 19 - March 20):** The way you're heading down doesn't always have a clear path. You might have to make your own.

**PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20):** Don't be afraid to mourn.