

Business

**MARKET
DATA**

 Markets were
closed Monday,
Sept. 3

"As many as 1 to 3 million people could lose their homes ... because they got bad deals on mortgages."

— Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on their plans to vote on the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development departments spending bill. AP

BAY STATE BUSINESS


DUBLIN, IRELAND U.S. mutual fund manager Fidelity Investments announced plans yesterday to open a research-and-development unit in Ireland, where it already employs 300 people. Boston-based Fidelity said the new facility in Galway would employ 49 people and collaborate formally with a dozen academics at local universities.

The union representing about 12,000 New England janitors says it has reached a tentative deal with maintenance contractors. The current contract between Local 615 of the Service Employees International Union and the Maintenance Contractors of New England expired Friday. Union spokeswoman Roxana Rivea says terms of the contract won't be released before a vote by union members this week.

**PUTNAM
INVESTMENTS**


The state Appeals Court ruled Friday that Peter Scannell is not entitled to any money state and federal regulators recovered in settlements with his former employer, Putnam Investments, because he did not file a lawsuit against Putnam, as required under the state whistleblower law. AP

Entrepreneur Profile

Adding time to the day

Personal concierge takes on almost any task


 Lisa Schneider
(COURTESY PHOTO)

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Need to take your car in for an oil change, but there just isn't enough time to get it done? Maybe you need your garage or house organized, or you don't even have time to go grocery shopping.

Wouldn't an extra set of hands be helpful? Lisa Schneider can lend you those hands.

Schneider's company, Lisa's Hands of Time, runs errands for you. She'll even set up your iPod or your computer — almost anything you're too busy to do yourself.

Just don't ask her to buy any live crickets for your pet Iguana. That, she won't do!

"The crickets were where I had to draw the line," Schneider said about the unusual request. "It creeped me out to think about having live crickets, in a bag, in my car."

But Schneider rarely says no.

"Every task is like a treasure hunt," she said.

Her father, a retired history teacher, helps out with this full-time personal concierge business.

Schneider says that clients come from all walks of life, but a growing niche seems to be coming from adult children of the elderly who need help caring for their parents.

"I'll help them with grocery shopping or paying bills; the little things that people take for granted," Schneider said.

CONTACT
Need help?

If you could use an extra set of hands, check out Lisa Schneider's website at lisashandsof-time.com or call (617) 281-7606.

Mexican truckers can begin hauling goods across the border into U.S.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said that the Teamsters and other groups suing hadn't met the legal requirements to justify blocking the program to allow Mexican trucks to travel freely in the U.S.

"This is the wrong decision for American working men and women," Teamsters General President James Hoffa said. BLOOMBERG NEWS



Mexican trucks cross the border into the U.S. (AP)

BostonNOW Massachusetts Index
Weekly Winners

If you had invested \$1,000 one week ago

Name	Ticker	Price	Value
ANIK THERAPEUTICS	ANIK	18.23	1027.04
NAVISTE INC.	NAVI	7.92	1020.62
SONESTA INTL HOT	SNSTA	43.02	1018.47
CUBIST PHARM	CBST	22.88	984.93
AVICI SYSTEMS IN	AVCI	9.67	960.28

Weekly Losers

If you had invested \$1,000 one week ago

Name	Ticker	Price	Value
AMER SUPERCONDTR AMSC	AMSC	18.02	946.43
AUTHORIZE.NET HO	ANET	18.2	988.59
SEPRACOR INC.	SEPR	29.17	990.49
APPLIX INC.	APLX	14.6	1006.90
SENIOR HOUSING	SNH	20.34	1025.72

Monthly Winners

If you had invested \$1,000 one month ago

Name	Ticker	Price	Value
AVICI SYSTEMS IN	AVCI	9.67	1021.12
PERINI CORP.	PCR	56.6	1019.27
SKYWORKS SOLUTIO	SWKS	78.9	1016.75
NAVISTE INC.	NAVI	7.92	1002.58
SONESTA INTL HOT	SNSTA	43.02	941.98

Monthly Losers

If you had invested \$1,000 one month ago

Name	Ticker	Price	Value
AMER BILTRITE	ABL	7.6	948.81
SEPRACOR INC.	SEPR	29.17	969.10
LIONBRIDGE TECH	LIOX	4.30	1000.00
APPLIX INC.	APLX	14.6	1073.53
ARIAD PHARM	ARIA	4.97	1206.3

Yearly Winners

If you had invested \$1,000 one year ago

Name	Ticker	Price	Value
PERINICORP	PCR	56.6	2403.34
SONESTA INTL HOT	SNSTA	43.02	2288.00
CHASE CORP	COF	17.27	2075.64
AMER SUPERCONDTR AMSC	AMSC	18.02	1796.61
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Yearly Losers

If you had invested \$1,000 one year ago

Name	Ticker	Price	Value
SEPRACOR INC.	SEPR	29.17	617.355
CANDELA CORP.	CLZR	7.22	696.24
AMER BILTRITE	ABL	7.6	742.187
CENTRAL BANCORP	CEBK	23.56	01,778.32
LIFTECH	LIFPT	5.06	892.42

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