

Woman wills \$2 million fortune to beloved rabbit

A Raumati Beach woman's pet cashmere rabbit is set to live a luxurious life while her two children were left nothing from her estate. The rabbit's inheritance includes a Raumati beachfront

residence, property in Queenstown and the Gold Coast, and a high country farm near Wanaka. The woman rescued the rabbit from the SPCA in 2011 and it has been her constant companion ever since.

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Your last will and testament is one of the most unique and important documents you will ever write, but for all of us it has one thing in common - we won't be there to see our will carried out.

For that reason alone, wills often cause much angst for those who are the beneficiaries, as well as for those who are not. At The Law Connection we have lawyers with a huge amount of experience in assisting with the formulation of wills. And when it comes to the execution of wills, we can help with making that go smoothly too. Life has a funny way of serving up the unexpected, but not nearly as unexpected as what can happen after life...



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Marriage split turns ugly as husband takes half of house

Incredible as it may seem, an Otaki man has cut a house in half with a chainsaw to claim his half of the property in a divorce settlement that went bad. The house, valued at over \$350,000 is now thought to be virtually worthless. Real estate agents followed the man's actions with interest and concern. The man's actions were seen as a desperate attempt to get his half of the property.



Last year in New Zealand more than 40,000 people married - and nearly 18,000 divorced. It's a fact of life that people and relationships change, and it's equally true that in those moments of change, emotions often get in the way of a sensible and equitable negotiation.

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Paekakariki man loses life's savings in cat sunglasses venture

Having been convinced by the massive international success of Doggles, the dog sunglasses company founded in the USA in 2009, a Paekakariki man poured over \$500,000 into a company planning to market sunglasses for cats. He invested in the Wellington based company after meeting it's founder at the North Island Cat Show in June. "The founders of Doggles both became millionaires in their first



year in business and with cats outnumbering dogs as pets by more than double, it seemed like a dead cert investment", he says. However what he hadn't

There's one sure thing about investments that look too good to be true - they're too good to be true. We all know the effort it takes to accumulate wealth, so when you decide to invest in a business or a partnership it's important to be sure that you know all the facts. At The Law Connection we have lawyers with a huge amount of experience in assisting with the sale or purchase of businesses, forming and investing in partnerships, commercial leases and contracts and almost anything you could imagine to do with protecting your hard earned financial assets. So whatever happens, whatever life decides to throw at you, don't be afraid to seek some good advice.



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9 year old crashes car into neighbour's boat

Neighbourly relationships were tested to beyond breaking point on Saturday when a 9 year old Te Horo boy propelled the family car into the side of a \$750,000 launch owned by the families neighbour. The launch owner had invited the family on a day cruise around Kapiti Island, but sadly the late model car was the only



HIGH AND DRY: The car hangs precariously

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Unattended 9 year old boy, car parked on sloping boat ramp, \$750,000 boat - that's when good neighbours become not such good friends. And of course there's the small issue of the relationship with your insurance company. Delicate is definitely a word that comes to mind.

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Waikanae girl sues parents for refusing to upgrade iPhone



A fourteen year old Waikanae girl is suing her parents following their refusal to upgrade her iPhone 4 to an iPhone 5. "They think it's a joke, but it's just not! It's humiliating. I mean all of my friends have got iPhone 5's and it just makes me look like a loser," she says. Her mother has

Schools being sued by students over hair length rules, conservationists being charged for trimming trees on their own property - who knows what nasty surprise could be waiting for you just around the corner? At The Law Connection we have a team of Lawyers with enormous experience with all kinds of disputes and negotiations. Whatever your situation, however complex (or inconceivable!), we can bring our experience to bear to help keep things objective and achieve the optimum outcome.

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Family in battle with scrabble club over mother's million dollar art collection

Three children of a local woman who willed her million dollar plus art collection to the scrabble club she had been a member of for the last 14 years are heading to court.

After their mother passed away in May, the siblings were shocked to discover their mother's will gifted them nothing more than



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the scrabble club is a
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It's the last thing you want to happen - arguments over the last thing you wanted to happen!

The fact is, the distribution of property after your death is your choice,
but your will must comply with the law.

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prepare wills, administer estates, and sensitively assist families if things get a bit tricky.

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Elves strike over new employment contracts

With less than 2 weeks until Christmas, Santa has found himself in a very serious predicament after his entire workforce of elves walked off the job. Following months of negotiations over wages and working conditions the two parties were unable to reach agreement. "I have no idea how we are going to be able to deliver on time this Christmas," said the big guy in the suit.



Elves picket at Grotto entrance

How did it ever come to this? Surely Santa is a reputable and considerate employer? It just goes to prove that employment contracts and relationships are not for the faint-hearted and it is obviously wise to seek a professional opinion.

But seriously, to all of our clients, colleagues, suppliers, friends, family and everyone on the coast, have a fabulous Christmas, a deserved break and a prosperous New Year.

Our office will close at 12.00 pm on 23rd December and reopens at 8.30 am on 5th January 2015.

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