Cube Farm
When assembled, the faces should look like the image below. For each face, each clue leads to a short answer.
2. R+A+N+G+E
3. OH+L+R+A+B+I
4. U+CUM+B+ER
5. A+R+I+C+O+T
6. N+I+O+N
7. ANG+M+E+I
Each of these is something grown, minus the first letter. The first letters spell OK CHOY, which is missing its head. The answer is BOK CHOY.

Corporate Lackeys
Answering each question sensibly leaves “You are a useless yesman.” Answering each question YES leaves “Apt colorful proboscis.” The answer is BROWN NOSE.

Leaks
The completed pipes puzzles are below. If each leak is used to fill in the enclosed area it’s part of, they will form the letters BELOW WATER.

Workload
Each scale can be balanced with the numbers 1 through 7. Using the results to fill in the grid at the end gives

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Eliminate the weights to leave SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT.

Dress Code
Each day has a different reason for what clothes are prohibited.
- Monday: No clothing from ZZ Top’s “Sharp Dressed Man.” Frank, Ollie, and Yancy were sent home.
- Tuesday: No clothing that start with two consecutive letters of the alphabet. David, India, and Lloyd were sent home.
- Wednesday: No clothing named after people. Aisha, Joana, and Tracy were sent home.
- Thursday: No 14-letter pieces of clothing. Cathy, Maeby, and Scott were sent home.
- Friday: No clothing with a’s only. Kerri, Nigel, and Wayne were sent home.

For each person, take the Nth letter where N is the day of the week and read left to right to get FASHIONABLY LATE.

Classifieds
There is a lot of noise here, but the acrostic is the first important step. The first letters in each ad spell (with ! as a word marker and !! as a sentence marker) “Ignore all but occupation and salaries. They’re two embedded sudokus. Combine on the NW-SE diagonal.

Pulling out just the occupation and salaries and solving as sudokus gives the following (highlighted squares are the givens).

For each square on the main NW-SE diagonal, take the Nth letter of the occupation where N is the salary ($20K=2, $90K=9). The result is LOS ALAMOS.
5 O’Clock Shadows
The white letters say “There are some bearded individuals right behind. Figure out the eleven letters that separate these shadows.” The black letters say “C-SANTA CLAUS-CLAUSO-C-CONFUCIUS-S-YOSEMITE SAM-E-SILENT BOB-F-HEMINGWAY-I-JESUS-N-NORRIS-I-POSEIDON-S-DARWIN.” The answer is CLOSE FINISH.

Interoffice Memos
Each memo clues both a different way to clue letters or bigrams and a specific letter or bigram.
• Building blocks (clues amino acids): 15 (F)
• HEX’s New Logo (clues hexadecimal code): “Eye” (l)
• Sounds like... (clues homonyms): colon (in Braille, B looks like a colon)
• Blind Test... (clues Braille): Dot (in Morse code, a dot is E)
• Tapping... (clues Morse code): “With Arms Wide Open” (in semaphore, that stance would represent an R)
• Flags (clues Semaphore): Oscar (in Nato Phonetic alphabet, this represents O)
• Phone TiC... (clues Nato): Platinum (Pt, as an element)
• Periodic... (clues elements): One (I, in Roman numerals)
• Number of Italian... (clues Roman numerals): Do (a musical note, C)
• Logo Drawn... (clues musical notes): ser (S, as an amino acid)
The answer is FIBER OPTICS.

Middle Management
Each business card for person “A B” can be paired with a business in the category given with the name “C D” such that AC and BD appear in the clue list. Index C by the AM time listed and D by the PM time listed.
• Ruby Dee (7. Y) + Tuesday Weld (18. T)
• Piers Morgan (12. R) + Stanley Tucci (19. T)
• Sara Rue (10. S) + Ang Lee (15. E)
• Phil McGraw (1. R) + Anita Hill (2. H)
• Eddie Rabbitt (6. E) + Jack Bauer (9. R)
• Duff Goldman (5. M) + Robin Sachs (4. S)
• Philip Roth (11. I) + Garrett Morris (21. R)
• Dawn Wells (8. E) + Douglas Fargo (17. O)
The extracted letters spell “Rhys-Meyers Irene Pottery” which clues JONATHAN ADLER.

Coffee Break
Each grid hides one word in a two-word phrase, with the first word always containing multiple Zs. They are:
• BUZZSAW HAIRCUT
• DAZZLING DISPLAYS
• FUZZY LOGIC
• JAZZ TRIO
• MUZZLE LOADER
• PIZZA STONE
• PUZZLE SOLVER
• XYZZY AWARD

If one circles the corresponding letters in the other grid for each part of the phrase, one gets:
• YEFOEE ERZYDEEE
• ROBSTAOU AOZOBDRUTS
• POIRD RZPD
• OJED EIZO
• LTACET ATLEZT
• OVAAJ ZAJVA
• MOMAHC MHAZOC
• ACAFE AFZCE

The letters are the same except for a Z in the second half and another letter in the first half. (As confirmation, although congratulations if you noticed this, the remaining letters anagram to coffee terms.) The answer is FOOD COMA.
Early Retirement

Eleven across clues include a word with an extra letter at the end:

- Not anti: FOR (C)
- Alt of note: CAROL (O)
- Condo, e.g.: UNIT (R)
- Leader of Crime: CAPO (A)
- Draw: TIE (L)
- Catalo handler: RANCHER (G)
- Displaying one’s temper: MAD (A)
- Pother: SNIT (B)
- Grave marker: STONE (L)
- Claus phrase: HO HO HO (E)
- Material used for bras: LACE (S)

The extra letters spell CORAL GABLES.

Climbing the Ladder

- balconies, patrolmen, triplanes
- CSI, pet, roe
- Nabisco, polearm, Planets
- coalbins, panelist, temporal
- staple, parole, cabins
- interplays, trampoline, unsociable
- basic, opera, slept
- ET, or, Cs

The tier of four-letter answers is absent, and are clued by “Your final answer.” The words STEP, AERO and BICS can complete the pyramids, which can be read as STEP AEROBICS.

A Bitter Pill to Swallow

Each answer consists of two words. One word can have a single letter doubled to make a new word. These new words are clued in the employee notes, and are confirmed by the double letter in the first name of each employee. The numbers below each employee can then be applied to the other word. This will give you a string that can become a word if one letter is doubled. The table below summarizes this information.

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<th>Missy</th>
<th>LOS ALAMOS</th>
<th>“spends more than she makes”</th>
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<td>Bobby</td>
<td>FIBER OPTICS</td>
<td>“liar”</td>
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<td>TO(SS)POT</td>
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<td>Jimmy</td>
<td>FOOD COMA</td>
<td>“pause”</td>
<td>COMMA</td>
<td>DO(FF)</td>
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<td>BROWN NOSE</td>
<td>“ropes”</td>
<td>NOOSE</td>
<td>BO(RR)OW</td>
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<td>BOK CHY</td>
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<td>H( OO)CH</td>
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<td>“loud voice”</td>
<td>BELLOW</td>
<td>WA(TT)</td>
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<td>Biddy</td>
<td>JONATHAN ADLER</td>
<td>“confusing person”</td>
<td>ADDLER</td>
<td>HA(JJ)</td>
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The second part of the puzzle claims to be an acrostic with clues A-T, and the five spaces for each letter correspond nicely with the first names. However, the flavortext suggests a black highlighter, suggesting just shading in specific squares. If we do this for the clues associated with the 12 duplicated letters above, we get the following image.

This appears to form the message MY EX, with the center of the X missing. That center of the X corresponds with ALLEN BLANCHARD on the floor map, and he is the killer.