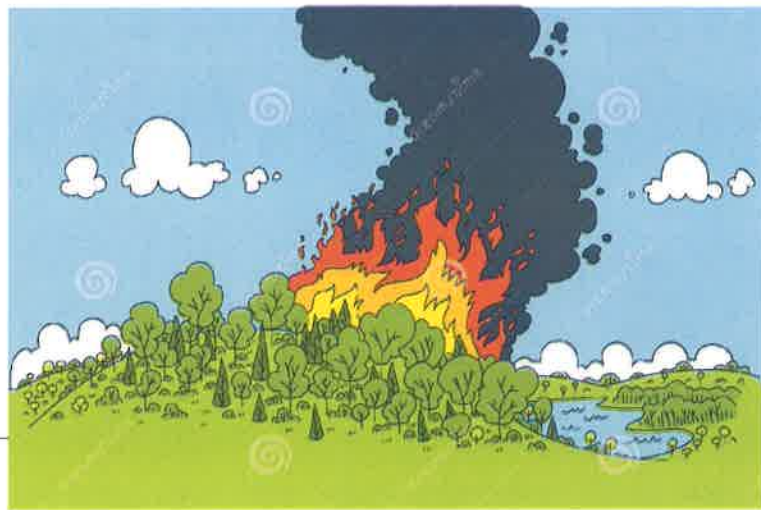




THE GAVEL GAZETTE



THE ACCUSED JAMES POST AND LARRY PALMER ARE ATTENDING A HEARING ON MAY 20TH, 2015. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE OLD COURT HOUSE IN COURTROOM 1.



2015 5th Grade Mock Trial

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

The State of California

Vs.

James Post and Larry Palmer

News Story

All news in the paper is information we recovered from the scene and the events that occurred. We do not want what we say to change the outcome of the trial.

On Wednesday, August 24, at about 1:00 P.M., a raging forest fire raced through the Carter Wilderness, about 50 miles from Randsville, California. About one fifth of the Carter Wilderness was destroyed. A fire spokesman said the fire was started by an unattended campfire. James Post and Larry Palmer were accused of the crime. Around 20,000 acres of land were destroyed from the fire. So far, there have been no reported casualties.

Larry Palmer and James Post were arrested. They are now being charged with the California Penal Code Section 594 - Destruction of Public Property, California Penal Code Section 170 - Negligence and Destruction of Public Property, California Penal Code Section 47 - Starting an Unauthorized Ground Fire, and California Penal Code Section 375 - Illegally Disposing a harmful substance in a public area. They were released on bail while awaiting the trial.

Who's Who in the Court Room

Judge: Hayden Holmes

Bailiff: Sam Bayless

Court Clerk/Reporter: Cyrus Patel

Prosecuting Attorneys:

Jason Rackas, Brayden Leff, Ben Ziskind, and Esther Cheng

Defense Attorneys:

Abby Hughes, Cara Scott, Claire Cao, and Emilia Kozlovsky

Defendants:

James Post and Larry Palmer

Witnesses:

Paul Asher- Kenny Daugherty

Elizabeth Asher- Emma Korb

Bob Asher- Derek Bound

Terri Asher- Ali Holmen

Betty Asher- Chloe Urankar

Brad Asher- Vraj Kothari

Josephine Wilson- Mrs. Jaeger

Ben Hill- Alex Rawlings

Ted Hood- Eitan Seitchik

Ashley Rogers- Ashley Volans

Paul Reed - Rohan Balgobin

Samantha Henry- Mrs. Smith

Penny Collins - Mrs. Howley

Alison Easton- Mrs. Kelly

JUDGE



My name is Hayden Holmes and I am a world renowned judge, who has presided over so many trials, it's hard to keep track of them all. I am 52 and have been on the job for over 20 years. I attended Yale University for 7 years, and earned a law degree. Before I became a judge, I was a respected attorney for around 5 years. I pride myself on the fact that I have a strong reputation that is built upon the fact that I am extremely fair and that I take my time before making important decisions.

BAILIFF



My name is Samuel Henry Bayless and I'm 30. I was born in Madison, Wisconsin and moved to Berkeley California with my two brothers and parents at the age of 15. After seeing the criminals brought to justice by my political uncle Felix, I decided I wanted to bump down my career in writing for a while to make my way into the wide world of reasoning and management in verbal negotiation. I did not know what role to fill in the courtroom, though the judge's part did seem tempting. For nearly a year, I attended many trials and I realized that the judge's role seemed a bit bombarding. I was very disappointed. I then looked at my second choice, which was the Bailiff. I looked further into it and really enjoyed it. You are still involved in the case but unlike the judge's role, I would have time to spend with my wife and children. After that year, my life has been with my friends and family, but my soul has always been in the courtroom fulfilling my purpose as Doylestown's new bailiff.

COURT REPORTER



My name is Cyrus Patel and I am thirty years of age. I attended Harvard University in Massachusetts and have been a court reporter /clerk for 5 years. I jot notes down pretty quickly and ever since I heard about law I was eager to do it. I studied the law and studied how to be a good reporter recording and jotting the judge's orders. I had never been in court until I received my job. In my spare time I read books and write entries on things I like.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS



I am a 29 years old and my name is Claire Cao. I have studied law at Harvard University for 7 years, and graduated at Harvard too. I was always at the top of my law and math classes. When I was little, I always had an interest in law, because of the debating. My interest in law grew as I began to read many law books. I have been a respected defense attorney for many years, and have won 16 cases. Although I am very serious with law, in my spare time I play chess, and I have achieved an international grandmaster title.



My name is Emilia Kozlovsky, and I am 33 years old. I went to Harvard University, studied Law, and became a defense attorney, because when I was 12, my mother got me a book about Law, and I have wanted to become a respected lawyer ever since then. I also have another passion in life, which is music. I have played the piano since I was 4. On top of that, I'm a bookworm, and sometimes like to use sophisticated language within my statements in court.



Hi, my name is Abby Hughes. I am 23 and I'm incredibly smart. I went to college at 16 and trained to be a lawyer. I wanted to be a lawyer because I saw a law show on TV and thought they looked official in suits. I believe the key to success is to present the case in a way the judge wouldn't expect. I went to Princeton and studied law for 6 years. In my free time, I love to go into Hollywood and walk around. Although, I'm not an experienced lawyer, I know that I will do well in this case due to my incredible amount of talent.



Hello everyone, my name is Cara Scott. I am 21 years old and a struggling actress. I am glamorous and dramatic. I get very into my roles and became a lawyer to prepare for my role as a lawyer in the film *The Verdict*. I went to Princeton and got a master's degree in performing arts. I also minored in law because I thought it seemed dramatic. In my free time I like to go shopping, watch Broadway musicals, and write drama novels. Although this is my first trial, I am so amazing that I know I will win.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS



My name is Esther Cheng. I am 36 years old and went to Yale for college and law school. I am married and live in a mansion in Beverly Hills. In my spare time I enjoy playing tennis, walking around town with my husband and dog, peeking in the little shops, and traveling the world. I have been an attorney for 9 years. I was born in Doylestown, Pennsylvania and moved to California at the young age of 7. I am incredibly busy with my job as an attorney but have dreamed of being a lawyer since I was young, so you could say I am living my dream.



I am Braeden Leff and I am 27 and moved from Doylestown, PA to Los Angeles, CA. As you can tell I am an attorney and went to school at the University of Pennsylvania. I have a mansion and live my wife and 2 dogs. I love to sit by the beach and relax at home or give tours of LA with my friends.

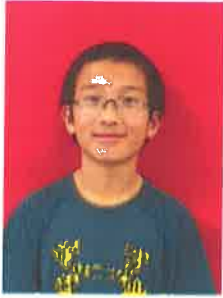


I am Jason Rackas and I have been a lawyer for 8 years. I am currently 29 years old and dating. I graduated Harvard University four years ago. I am originally from Bucks County, Pennsylvania but I now live in San Diego. In my spare time, I love to go to the beach with my friends. Also, I like to watch movies, take walks, and cook desserts.



My name is Benjamin Ziskind. I am 31, and I am a Prosecuting Attorney. I have been an attorney for the past six years. I am married, and have one child, his name is David, I also have a pet dog, and her name is Stella. I live in San Diego, California. I went to Yale University and got a Jurors Doctorate which is necessary to practice law. In my free time I like to read and swim at the local YMCA pool.

THE DEFENDANTS



Larry Palmer. I am a college student, and currently attending Northwestern University, currently age 21. I am a graphic designer and an artist. At the university, I am an honor's student and work on the school's newspaper, the Daily Northwestern. I have a best friend named James and he works on the sports section on the newspaper, and he is my roommate. In my spare time, I like to play soccer. This year when I came to the Carter Wilderness Area I thought going outdoors would relieve my senses and smell where my pencils came from.



My name is James Post I am 21 years old. I go to college at Northwestern University and I major in sports journalism. I am a reporter for the school newspaper, The Northwestern Daily. In my spare time I like to play baseball and I am on the Northwestern baseball team. I like to camp and take photographs of the wilderness and thought the Carter Wilderness Area was a great place to do so. I am looking forward to going back to school in the fall.

WITNESSES



My name is Paul Asher. I'm 41 years old and I go to the Carter Wilderness Area because I belong to the Wildlife Federation. I come here for one week at a time so I can take a break from computer engineering. I graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). I am married to Elizabeth, and we have four kids (Bob, Betty, Terri, and Brad). Bob is 16, Betty is 14, Terri is 11, and Brad is 10. I love the wilderness, and teaching my kids about it.



My name is Elizabeth Asher, I am 38 years old. My husband, Paul is 41 years old and I have four kids, Brad (10), Terri (11), Betty (14), and my oldest, Bob (16). In my free time, I love to read. I have been married to Paul for 17 years and he proposed to me at a Phillies game. I went to Penn State for college and got a degree in nursing to help my kids. My favorite food is macaroni and cheese. I dislike the outdoors, but I think it is a good experience for my kids. Betty my daughter is just like me and also dislikes the outdoors.



Hi my name is Bob Asher I am 16 years old and I just got my driving permit 2 weeks ago. I just finished 10th grade and I go to High Tech High International. I am on the high school baseball team and I play center field for my team. When I have spare time I like to research plants and research everything in the outdoors. I also like to hang out with me friends. I love the outdoors unlike my sister Betty and my Mom. I am planning to go to Florida Gators for college and play baseball for them. But, when I grow up I hope to be a park ranger. I was very sad that the fire started. I wanted to go back to help the firemen but I knew that my mom would not let me.



My name is Betty Asher and I am in 8th grade at Bullis Charter in Los Altos, CA. I absolutely love fashion, and my motto is “No socks with sandals.” I have four siblings who have no idea how annoying the wilderness is. I can’t wait till I’m 16, so I don’t have to go to those trips anymore, but after what happened this year I don’t think I’ll have to wait. In my spare time, I text my friends, work on fashion ideas, and read.



I am Brad Asher and I am 10 years old. I go to Chin Elementary in San Francisco, California. The subjects that I like are math, science and reading. I hope to go to Harvard, MIT, Stanford, or University of Oxford. In my free time, I like to watch TV or read. I also like playing soccer, basketball, ping-pong, tennis, riding my bike and roller-blading. My mom and dad are Elizabeth and Paul Asher. My siblings are Bob, Betty, and Terri. I used to like fishing but now I don’t like it since my dad and I fished every day. I like the Carter Wilderness because I like camping, the wilderness and bird watching.



My name is Terry Asher. I am 11 years old. I have one sister and two brothers. I am in the fifth grade and my favorite food is sushi. I love the wilderness and plan for our annual family camping trip for a few months. I wish that the trip was longer. I love to read and play outside with my friends and family. I love school but not as much as I love the summer. I do great in school and can’t wait to go into the sixth grade. I play travel soccer and I love to draw. When we go to the Carter Wilderness I love to fish with my dad and brothers, but wish that my mom and sister would come along, too. I play and explore the wilderness with my younger brother a lot. I enjoy the wilderness and the animals that roam through it.



I am Ben Hill and you probably know me as the star forward of the Carlton Chinchillas rugby team. I am also an accomplished mystery writer. I am 37 years old and I live in the small area in San Francisco called Carlton, California with my wonderful wife Ellen, my son Ben Jr and my daughter, Sarah. Ellen and I like to go on trips in our free time, but as she is the head cameraman of the show, Dirty jobs, she is normally busy. This year we decided to go to the Carter wilderness area, which is near my old collage, UCLA.



My name is Ashley Lynn Rogers, I am 31 years old working as a head ranger at the Carter Wilderness area. I am married, have one child, a dog and I live in a mansion fairly close to the Carter Wilderness area. I went to college at Penn State, then applied to be a park ranger as a fun job, because I was bored at home. I ended up becoming very interested in the job. I love nature, reading, and sports such as soccer, basketball, and lacrosse.



My name is Ted Hood and I am 48. I'm also a graduate of the University of California and was there for 9 years and got a PhD about 27 years ago. I am married with a wonderful wife named Katie and she has her PhD in medical school at Harvard. I also have 3 children named Max, Sam, and Ted Jr. and they are all interested in forestry as am I. I have 3 dogs who keep me active and happy. They are named spot, Ted I, and Ted II. Furthermore, I live in San Diego but I lived in Central Bucks. I enjoy staying in the wilderness and teaching my children about forestry, backpacking, and mountain climbing. In addition I am a scout guide and I enjoy cooking, reading books, and exercising.



I am a 33 year old man. I work as a Chief Fire Control Officer at the Carter Wilderness. I work for the Carter Wilderness as a year round job. In my spare time I program racing and puzzle games. For my undergrad, I graduated from Northeastern University for computer programming. For my master's, I am going to the University of Pennsylvania for programming classes. I have a wife who works for Apple Inc. She is working on developing the new iPhone 7. I love to play soccer with my friends on the weekend. I have one child who is 7 years old.



I am Josephine Wilson. I am 32 years old. In my free time I like to read, sketch, and go walking in the woods. I love the wilderness and the many animals the wilderness contains. I go on many trips involving the wilderness and enjoy all of them. I take many photographs of my adventures. I am currently not married. I find relaxing in the wilderness with a good book better than having a husband.



I am Penny Collins. I am 28 years old. I am single. I am an avid backpacker and would go backpacking everyday if I could. In my free time, when I'm not backpacking, I love to read and go shopping for any new, cool backpacking gear. I love to be updated on the latest styles of gear. I am not married. Backpacking is my lifelong passion and what I have enjoyed the best since I was a young girl.

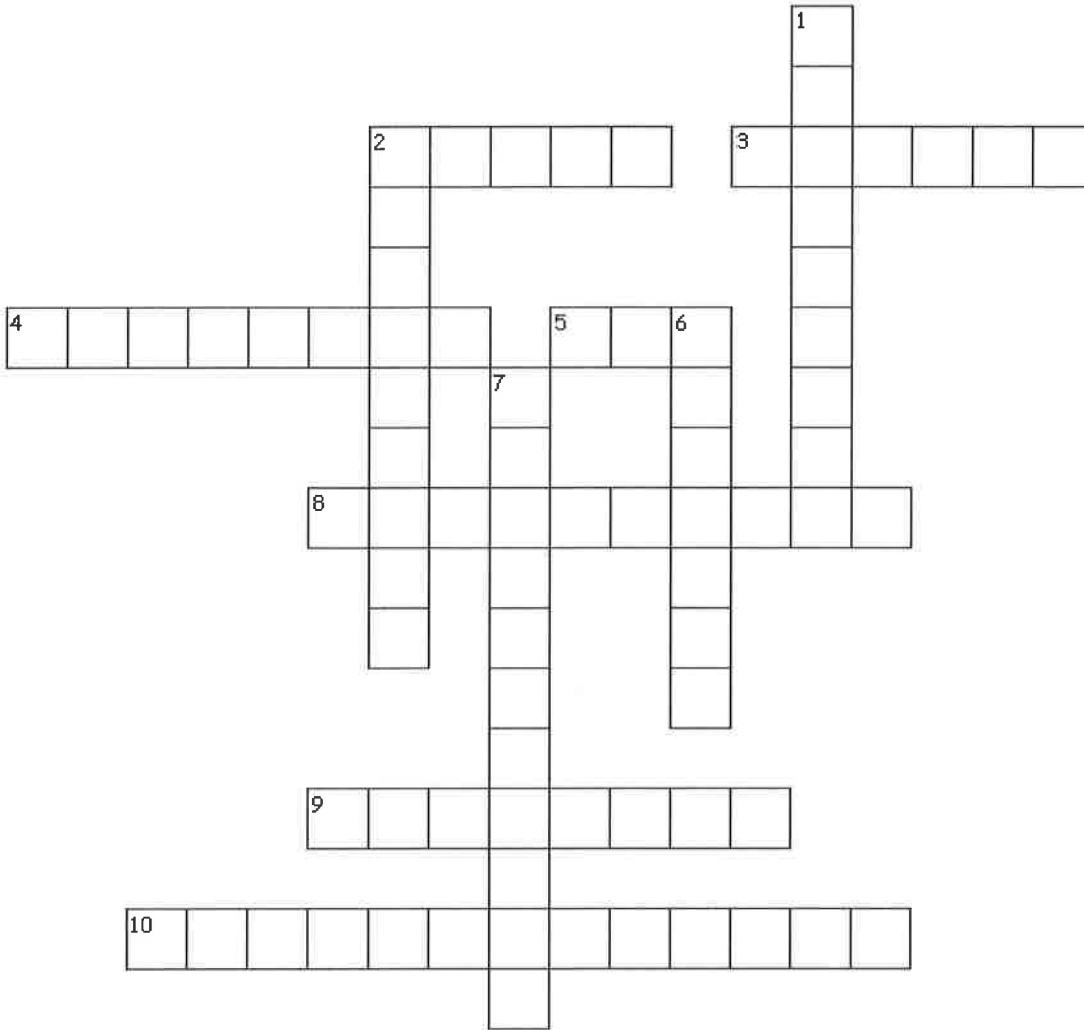


I am the owner of the Lazy T Ranch, located on the border of the Carter Wilderness Area. We raise only the finest and meatiest cattle. I am currently 48 years old. I have worked on the family ranch since I was 21. Last year, my parents died and I was put in charge of the 54 year old ranch. I have managed the business well since then because my friends have helped me round up the cows. I went to Penn State and got a bachelor's degree in agriculture. Even though I am not that wealthy, I feel like I am living a good life.



I am Alison Easton. I am 33 years old. I am The Chief Ranger for the Green Creek National Forest. I love nature and don't like it when there is mischief having to do with nature like intentionally starting a forest fire. In my free time, I like to walk in the woods and admire the beautiful trees and other plants. I take lots of pictures and create albums of my best and most favorites. I have taken a photography class and I practically aced it. I love nature and support the protection of the wilderness.

Courtroom Crosswords



Across

2. Decides who is guilty and who is innocent
3. What you are when you are not innocent
4. A lawyer
5. Son of Paul and Elizabeth Asher
8. Brings in witnesses
9. The Chief Fire Control Officer
10. Keeps a record of everything said in the trial

Down

1. Elizabeth Asher's husband
2. The other defendant
6. The peace police
7. One of the two defendants

COURT SEARCH

BY: DEREK BOUND

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BAILIFF
COURTREPORTER
INNOCENT
PROSECUTOR

BOBASHER
DEFENDANT
JUDGE
WITNESS

COURTCLERK
GUILTY
PLAINTIFF

PEN Word Search

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