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Letter



Not all bbq's are what they seem...



Barbeque Thieves Beware

The following *Letter to the Editor* appeared in the *Wingham Advance-Times* in June of 2005.

'lɛrə tu ði 'ɛdɪrə
Letter to the _____1_____,
'wɔːnɪŋ tu ðoʊz hu stouʔ maɪ
_____2____ to those who stole my
'bæːbɪkju ɒn meɪ 'sɛkənd
barbecue on May _____3_____,
'tu θaʊzənd ənd 'færɪ | aɪ əm
2005: I am

'sɒɪ ju dʊ nɒt hæv fʌndz tə
_____4____ you do not have funds to
'pɜːtʃəs jɔː 'ʔoʊn | ɪt mʌst bi
_____5____ your own; it must be
ɛm'beə.rəsɪŋ 'bɪŋ sɒʊ 'tɛə.rəbli
embarrassing _____6____ so terribly
'dɛstɪtʊt tə ɪ'zɔːt tə 'stɪlɪŋ
destitute, to _____7____ to stealing
wɒt ju θɒt wəz ə 'sɪmpəl
what you _____8____ was a simple
færɪ jɪəˌrɔʊld 'bæːbɪkju || aɪ
_____9____-year-old barbecue. I

quiz part one

write out the words in English

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

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This week's letter features a quiz – first of reading IPA, and then of transcribing it. This will be much easier if you *print it out!*

This is a self-test quiz: the full transcription begins on page 3. Thanks to Kalene for her suggestion of a quiz, and to Kathy Steele, General Manager of the Wingham Advance-Times for forwarding the text of this letter to me via email.

As always, you can contact me by email at <earmstro@yorku.ca>

'truli hoʊp ju du nɒt get ' 1
truly hope you do not get sick,
æz fɔə ðə 'læst naɪn ' 2
as for the past nine months,
aɪ hæv ' 3 ðə 'bɑːbɪkju nɔː
I have used the barbecue not
əz ə tuːl fɔə ' 4 'fræŋkfɜːt-
as a tool for grilling frankfurt-
əz bʌt fɔə ' 5 æprɪ'keɪʃnz
ers, but for artistic applications.
ðə 'kɛmɪkʌz ɪn'vɒlvd 6
The chemicals involved are
ʌnfɪt ' 7 'hjuːmən kən'sʌmpʃən
unfit for human consumption
ənd wɛn ' 8 ɪz 'ɔːrɪəli
and when residue is orally
ɪn'dʒɛstɪd, ɪt hæz ə hæf ' 9 əv
ingested, it has a half-life of
ə'pɒksɪmɪzɪtli 'tweni ' 10 || ðɪs
approximately 20 years. This
'rɛzɪdju ɪz ɒn ðə ' 11
residue is on the grilling
' 12 ænd ɪz ɪm'bɛdɪd ɪn ðə
surface and is embedded in the
'tʃɑːkəʊl ənd ' 13
charcoal and surrounding
' 14 'sɜːfəsɪz əv ðə
porous surfaces of the
'bɑːbɪkju || ɪf wʌn ' 15 tə
barbecue. If one were to
' 16 ðɪs 'bɑːbɪkju æz ə
utilize this barbecue as a
mɪnz əv ' 17 ðɪz
means of cooking, these
'kɛmɪkʌz wʊd ' 18
chemicals would permeate
jɔː 'dɪnə || ðə ' 19 'kɛmɪ-
your dinner. The toxic chemi-
kʌz kən kɔːz ' 20 ɪvəʊ'ænd
cals can cause severe liver and
du.ʊs'dɪnəm ' 21 əz wɛl əz
duodenum damage as well as

ɪm'pɛə ɪp.rɪədʌktɪv ' 22
impair reproductive functions
ðær ' 23 (bʌt ɑː nɒt 'lɪmɪtɪd
that include (but are not limited
tu) ' 24 || 'læstli wʌʒtʃ ju
to) impotence. Lastly, what you
pə'sɪvd əz ' 25 ənd
perceived as spatulas and
' 26 juːzd fɔə flɪpɪŋ 'hæm-
tongs used for flipping ham-
bɜːgəz wɜː ɪn ' 27 'ɪmplə-
burgers, were, in fact, imple-
mɛnts fɔə ' 28 maɪ dɔːgz
ments for removing my dog's
'bəʊʃt ' 29 fɪʌm ðə
bowel movements from the
' 30 || ju meɪ wʌnt tə bi
premises. You may want to be
'tɛstɪd fɔə dʒɪ'ɑːdiə ɔːrə
tested for giardia or a
' 31 wɜːm ' 32 wɪtʃ
round worm infection, which,
lɛft ' 33 kæn bi vɛɪ
left untreated, can be very
ʌŋkʌmfə'rəbʌt ənd ' 34 ||
uncomfortable and awkward.
ɪf ju hæv ɛnɪ ' 35
If you have any concerns
plɪz ' 36 mi || ju
please contact me. You
'ɒbvɪəsli nɔʊ maɪ ' 37 ɪt
obviously know my address, it
' 38 bi ə 'prɒbləm 'gɛrɪŋ
shouldn't be a problem getting
ɪn ' 39
in touch.

'lɪsə 'bɪmən
Lisa Bieman - link to blog

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Blyth

quiz part two

transcribe the words in IPA

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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6. _____
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10. _____
11. _____
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30. _____
31. _____
32. _____
33. _____
34. _____
35. _____
36. _____
37. _____
38. _____
39. _____
40. _____

Barbeque Thieves Beware – quiz words are in blue

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'tu θaʊzənd ənd 'faɪv | aɪ əm
2005: I am
'sɒɪ ju du nɒt hæv fʌndz tə
sorry you do not have funds to
'pɜːtʃəs ʒɔː 'ʔoʊn | ɪt mʌst bi
purchase your own; it must be
ɛm'beə.ɹəsɪŋ 'bɪŋ suː 'tɛə.ɹəblɪ
embarrassing **being** so terribly
'dɛstɪtʃuːt tə ɹɪ'zɔːt tə 'stɪlɪŋ
destitute, to **resort** to stealing
wʌt ju θɔt wɔz ə 'sɪmpf
what you **thought** was a simple
faɪv jɹ̥.ɹould 'bɑːbɪkju || aɪ
five-year-old barbecue. I
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residue is on the grilling
'sɜːfəs ənd ɪz ɪm'bedɪd ɪn ðə
surface and is embedded in the

'tʃɑːkɔʊl ənd sə'raʊndɪŋ
charcoal and surrounding
'pɔːrəs 'sɜːfəsɪz əv ðə
porous surfaces of the
'bɑːbɪkju || ɪf wʌn wɜː tə
barbecue. If one were to
'juːrɪlaɪz ðɪs 'bɑːbɪkju æz ə
utilize this barbecue as a
mɪnz əv 'kʊkɪŋ ðɪz
means of cooking, these
'kɛmɪkʌtʃz wʊd 'pɜːmɪ.ɛɪt
chemicals would permeate
ʒɔː 'dɪnə || ðə 'tɔksɪk 'kɛmɪ-
your dinner. The toxic chemi-
kʌtʃz kən kɔz sə'vɪə ɪvə.ɹ.ənd
cals can cause severe liver and
du.ɔʊ'dɪnəm 'dæmɪdʒ əz wɛl əz
duodenum damage as well as
ɪm'pɛə.ɪp.rɪə'dʌktɪv 'fʌŋkʃənz
impair reproductive functions
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premises. You may want to be
'tɛstɪd fɔː dʒɪ'ædɪə ʒɔː.ɹ̥
tested for giardia or a
'raʊnd wə:m ɪn'fɛkʃn wɪtʃ
round worm infection, which,
lɛft ʌn'tɹɪtɪd kæn bi vɛɪɪ
left untreated, can be very
ʌn'kʌmfə.ɹəbʔ ənd 'ɔkwəd ||
uncomfortable and awkward.

ɪf ju hæv ɛnɪ kən'sɜːnz
If you have any concerns
plɪz 'kɔntækt mi || ju
please contact me. You
'ɒbvɪəsli nɔv maɪ ə'drɛs ɪt
obviously know my address, it
'ʃʊdn't bi ə 'prɔbləm 'gɛrɪŋ
shouldn't be a problem getting
ɪn tʌtʃ
in touch.

'lɪsə 'bɪmən
Lisa Bieman

blaɪð
Blyth



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