

Dodge City company begins baking bierocks commercially

DODGE CITY (AP) — Jim Konda treats his bierocks with the care he would give a baby. He piles a mix of hamburger, cabbage and onions onto a flattened piece of dough, gently folds the dough over, trims the excess and places the bun-shaped treat onto a metal sheet with a pat.

“They’re time-consuming as you can see,” he explains, continuing the task without pause as the odor of baking bread wafts around him. “That’s why a lot of people like them but don’t want to go to the trouble of making them.”

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people don’t know what they are,” Roberson said.

Even in Kansas, though, they can be hard to come by, making their appearance only at Oktoberfest celebrations, the Kansas State Fair and when grandma gets a hankering to cook up a batch. Bierocks have their roots in the Midwest pioneers of Russian-German stock who made them back in their homeland.

For Konda, however, it’s just as well.

He originally had considered opening a pizzeria after deciding he’d had enough as a broker, trading wheat, corn, livestock and other commodities.

But concluding that Dodge City had enough pizza joints, he opted to pursue full bore what had just been an annual Christmas tradition — cooking up bierocks for friends and family.

“We decided to take a walk off the deep end and give it a try,” Konda said.

Now, assisted by daughter Min-dy, he’s preparing dough most ev-

ery day or cooking up a batch of the hamburger-based concoction that keeps bierocks plump and his clothes smelling of cabbage.

However, he also spends plenty of time on the road, peddling bierocks retail in all the small south-west Kansas towns that dot the by-ways and back roads between Garden City, Kinsley, Coldwater and Sublette.

And he’s always coming up with new recipes — such as cheeseburger, sausage and even pepperoni bierocks — to keep the clients clamoring for more.

He finds it’s better not to overload his client base, instead paying only periodic visits to the towns on his route. Nonetheless, customers give his recipes high marks as well as the gentle touch that results in a finished product of unparalleled symmetry.

“Some of them have told me they’re better than Mom’s,” Konda said. “But I try not to compete with that, because it’s hard to compete with Mom.”

Halliburton alleged supplying contaminated water to U.S. base

WASHINGTON (AP) — Water supplied to a U.S. base in Iraq was contaminated and the contractor in charge, Halliburton, failed to tell troops and civilians at the facility, according to internal documents from the company and interviews with former Halliburton officials.

Although the allegations came from Halliburton’s own water-quality experts, the company once headed by Vice President Dick Cheney denied there was a contamination problem at Camp Junction City, in Ramadi.

“We exposed a base camp population (military and civilian) to a water source that was not treated,” said a July 15, 2005, memo by William Granger, the official for Halliburton’s KBR subsidiary who was in charge of water quality in Iraq and Kuwait.

“The level of contamination was roughly 2x the normal contamination of untreated water from the Euphrates River,” Granger wrote in one of several documents.

The Associated Press obtained the documents from Senate Democrats who are holding a public inquiry into the allegations Monday.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who will chair the session, held a number of similar inquiries last year on contracting abuses in Iraq. He said Democrats were acting on their own because they had not been able to persuade committee chairmen in the Republican-run Senate to investigate.

The company’s former water treatment expert at Camp Junction City said he discovered the problem last March, a statement confirmed by his e-mail the day after he tested the water.

While bottled water was available for drinking, the contaminated water was used for virtually everything else, including handwashing, laundry, bathing and making coffee, said water expert Ben Carter of Cedar City, Utah.

Another former Halliburton employee who worked at the base, Ken May of Louisville, Ky., said there were numerous instances of diarrhea and stomach cramps — problems he also suffered.

A spokeswoman for Halliburton, Melissa Norcross, said its own inspection found neither contaminated water nor medical evidence to substantiate reports of illnesses at the base.

The company now operates its own water treatment plant there, she said.

A military medical unit that visited Camp Ramadi in mid-April found nothing out of the ordinary in terms of water quality, said Marine Corps Maj. Tim Keefe, a military spokesman. Water-quality testing records from May 23 show the water within normal parameters, he said.

“The allegations appear not to have merit,” Keefe said.

Halliburton has contracts to provide a number of services to U.S. forces in Iraq and was responsible for the water quality at the Ramadi base.

Granger’s July 15 memo said the exposure had gone on for “possibly a year” and added, “I am not sure if any attempt to notify the exposed population was ever made.”

The first memo on the problem — written by Carter to Halliburton officials on March 24, 2005 — was an “incident report” from tests Carter performed the previous day.

“It is my opinion that the water source is without question contaminated with numerous micro-organisms, including Coliform bacteria,” Carter wrote. “There is little doubt that raw sewage is routinely

dumped upstream of intake much less than the required 2 mile distance.

“Therefore, it is my conclusion that chlorination of our water tanks while certainly beneficial is not sufficient protection from parasitic exposure.”

Carter said he resigned in early April after Halliburton officials did not take any action to inform the camp population.

The water expert said he told company officials at the base that they would have to notify the military.

“They told me it was none of my concern and to keep my mouth shut,” he said.

On at least one occasion, Carter said, he spoke to the chief military surgeon at the base, asking him whether he was aware of stomach problems afflicting people. He said the surgeon told him he would look into it.

“They brushed it under the carpet,” Carter said. “I told everyone, ‘Don’t take showers, use bottled water.’”

A July 14, 2005, memo showed that Halliburton’s public relations department knew of the problem.

“I don’t want to turn it into a big issue right now,” staff member Jennifer Dellinger wrote in the memo, “but if we end up getting some media calls I want to make sure we have all the facts so we are ready to respond.”

Halliburton’s performance in Iraq has been criticized in a number of military audits, and congressional Democrats have contended that the Bush administration has favored the company with noncompetitive contracts.

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KBSL/CBS 12 11	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		
K15CG 2	BBC World	Body Electric	Caillou	Mister Rogers	Beren Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street		Teletubies	Barney-Friends	
ESPN 28	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NFL Live	Varied	
USA 37	Walker, Texas Ranger		JAG		The District		Nash Bridges		Nash Bridges		Coach	Coach	
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				Becker	Becker	
WGN 39	Changing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbilies	Hillbilies	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.		
TNT 40	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy		
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs				
A&E 47	Varied Programs								City Confidential		American Justice		
HIST 48	Varied Programs												
NICK 55	Oddparents	Oddparents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	LazyTown	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer	
DISN 56	Breakfast Bear	Higglytown	Einsteins	JoJo's Circus	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	Einsteins	
FAM 58	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	700 Club Special Programming		Varied Programs		Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House	
HALL 60	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Diagnosis Murder		

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30				
KLBY/ABC 4 6	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wld News				
KSNK/NBC 8 8	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	NBC News				
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News				
K15CG 2 2	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford-Red	Cyberchase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Zoom	Business				
ESPN 28 28	Varied Programs			Sr. Bowl Prac.	Varied	1st and 10	NFL Live	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter					
USA 37 37	Movie				Movie				Movie		Varied Programs					
TBS 38 38	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld				
WGN 39 39	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.				
TNT 40 40	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed					
DSC 42 42	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Cash Cab				
A&E 47 47	Varied Programs								City Confidential		American Justice					
HIST 48 48	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs													
NICK 55 55	Go Diego	Lazy-Town	Rugrats	Teenage Robot	Varied Programs			6teen	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom				
DISN 56 56	Higgly-town	JoJo's Circus	House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	Varied Programs				Kim Possible	That's-Raven	Varied	That's-Raven				
FAM 58 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven					
HALL 60 60	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Family Ties	Family Ties	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H				

TUESDAY													JANUARY 24	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
KLBY/ABC 4 6	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Accord- ing-Jim	Rodney (N) (CC)	Commander In Chief (N) (CC)		Boston Legal Too Much Information		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)			
KSNK/NBC 8 8	News	Wheel of Fortune	Fear Factor (N) (CC)		Scrubs (N) (CC)	Scrubs (N) (CC)	Law & Order: SVU		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)		Late Night		
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	NCIS Light Sleeper (ITV) (N) (CC)		CSI: Miami Whacked (ITV) (CC)		Love Monkey Nice Package (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman		Late Late		
K15CG 2	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Secrets of Lost Empires (CC) (DVS)		Guns, Germs and Steel: A National		Frontline/World (N) (CC) (DVS)		BBC World	Hard-ware	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)			
ESPN 28	College Basketball: (Live) (CC)		Kentucky at Auburn.		College Basketball: (CC)		Indiana at Iowa. (Live)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		NFL Live (N) (CC)	Fast-break		
USA 37	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Movie: Half Past Dead ★ (2002, Action) Steven Seagal, Morris Chestnut. (CC)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU			
TBS 38	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Movie: The Last Boy Scout *** (1991, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis. (CC)		Scout *** (1991, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis. (CC)			
WGN 39	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest All Tricked Up (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
TNT 40	Law & Order Nowhere Man		Law & Order Absentia (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order The Ring (CC) (DVS)		The Closer Flashpoint (CC)		Cold Case (CC)		The X-Files Revelations (CC)			
DSC 42	Dirty Jobs Turkey and potatoes.		MythBusters Salsa Escape (CC)		Dirty Jobs Sugar mill; alligator farm.		Into the Firestorm Going South (N)		Extreme Engineering (CC)		MythBusters Salsa Escape (CC)			
A&E 47	Cold Case Files (CC)		The BTK Killer Speaks (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)	Crossing Jordan Most Likely (CC)		The BTK Killer Speaks (CC)			
HIST 48	Modern Marvels Diamond Mines (CC)		Mail Call (CC)	Mail Call (CC)	Modern Marvels (CC)		Modern Marvels (CC)		Modern Marvels Automobile art. (CC)		Mail Call (CC)	Mail Call (CC)		
NICK 55	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Ned's School	Full House	Hi-Jinks (CC)	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne		
DISN 56	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Movie: The Lion King 1 1/2 *** (2004, Adventure) (CC)			Whis- kers		Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Phil of Future		
FAM 58	Smallville Extinction (CC)		Movie: The Waterboy ★½ (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates. (CC)			Whose Line?		Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos		
HALL 60	JAG Straits of Malacca (CC) (DVS)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: In Love and War (2001) A British soldier finds true love in World War II Italy.				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H Dear Sis		

WEDNESDAY													JANUARY 25	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
KLBY/ABC 4 ⑥	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	George Lopez	Freddie (N) (CC)	Lost Fire Plus Water (N) (CC)	Invasion Redemption (CC)	News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)					
KSNK/NBC 8 ⑧	News	Wheel of Fortune	Jamie Foxx: Unpredictable (CC)	The Biggest Loser: Special Edition (N)	Law & Order Ghosts (CC)	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night						
KBSL/CBS 12 ⑪	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Still Standing	Yes, Dear (N)	Criminal Minds Riding the Lightning	CSI: NY Risk (N) (CC)	News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late					
K15CG 2 ②	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	National Geographic (CC)			The War That Made America Turning the Tide; Unintended Consequences (N) (CC)	BBC World	As Time Goes By	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)						
ESPN 28 ⑳	College Basketball: Tech. (Live) (CC)	Maryland at Georgia	NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Memphis Grizzlies. FedEx Forum. (Live) (CC)						SportsCenter (Live) (CC)					
USA 37 ㉟	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: SVU					
TBS 38 ㉠	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Movie: Orange County ★★½ (2002, Comedy) Colin Hanks, Jack Black. (CC)					
WGN 39 ㉡	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	WGN News at Nine (CC)	Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)					
TNT 40 ㉢	Law & Order Formerly Famous	Law & Order Attorney Client			Movie: The Long Kiss Goodnight ★★★ (1996, Adventure) Geena Davis. (CC)	Las Vegas The Bitch Is Back (CC)			Movie: Eraser ★★½ (1996) (CC)					
DSC 42 ㉣	Extreme Engineering (CC)	Superships (N)			MythBusters (N) (CC)	Stunt Junkies	Survi- orman	Dirty Jobs Sugar mill; alligator farm.	Superships					
A&E 47 ㉥	Cold Case Files (CC)	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Inked (CC)	Inked (N) (CC)	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Crossing Jordan All the News Fit to Print	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter				
HIST 48 ㉦	Modern Marvels (CC)	Modern Marvels (CC)			Modern Marvels Wiring America (CC)	Modern Marvels Logging Tech (CC)	Modern Marvels Bulletproof (CC)	Modern Marvels (CC)						
NICK 51 ㉧	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Unfabu- lous	Full House	Fresh Prince	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne		
DISN 56 ㉨	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Movie: High School Musical (2006, Musical Comedy) Zac Efron. (CC)				Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible			
FAM 58 ㉩	Smallville Slumber (CC)	Movie: Grind ★½ (2003) Friends follow a legendary skateboarder across America.					Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)	Home Videos	Home Videos			