

# The Silver Star Steak and Buffet

## Silver Star changes Bonanza buffet menu

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The Bonanza restaurant at 48th Street and Highway 2 is closed. The Silver Star Steak and Buffet (5551 S. 48th St.) is in, and with it comes all-you-can-eat steak.

Mike Kritikos, general manager of The Silver Star, said the new buffet arrangements came from a group project.

"This is a concept that we put together through the other managers, staff and myself," Kritikos said, "through other concepts that we had noticed."

Not only does Silver Star feature all-you-can-eat steak (six ounce USDA top sirloin cuts, Kritikos said), but also offers fried chicken, shrimp and fish on the buffet line.

Silver Star has kept the hot food bar and salad bar from its Bonanza days, as well as the Bonanza employees.

Kritikos said dropping the Bonanza name was the key to bringing Silver Star up and running.

"We don't have to pay any more royalties," he said. "Roughly, between royalties, ads and promotions, that was about 10 percent of our sales."

"We feature a better value by saving on royalties and offering customers more."

Silver Star also offers barbecue ribs on Saturdays, roast beef on Sundays, and freshly carved ham most nights of the week, and more changes are on the

way, Kritikos said. "We'll be changing the menu around," he said, "but we don't have a lot of the details yet."

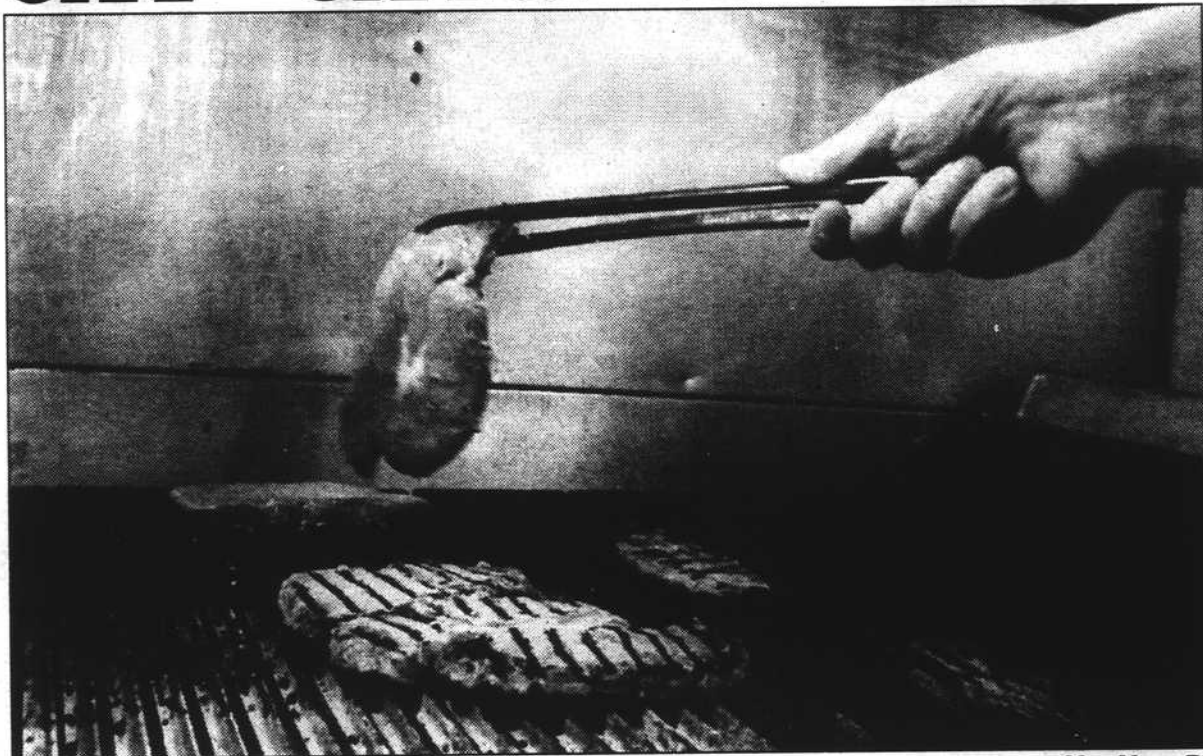
A few new items haven't even arrived yet, Kritikos said.

"The signs were supposed to be in and haven't arrived yet," he said.

Other than the lack of outdoor advertising, things have been going smoothly since the Silver Star opened its doors last Wednesday, Kritikos said.

"So far, so good," he said. "It catches some people off guard, but we walk and talk them through the new place and try to make them feel a bit more comfortable."

"We have yet to receive a bad comment."



A CHEF AT The Silver Star Steak and Buffet prepares several six-ounce sirloin steaks. The buffet also serves eight-ounce grilled chicken breasts.

## New restaurant 'meats' standards for good food

By GERRY BELTZ  
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You can't beat all the meat you can eat.

At the newly opened Silver Star Steak and Buffet (the former home of Bonanza at 5551 S. 48th St.), you can eat steak until the cows come home, so to speak.

Actually, the whole place has gone buffet-style; it offers fried chicken, breaded fish (which tastes suspiciously like Long John Silver's fish) and chicken-fried steak as well. Also included are mashed potatoes, two kinds of gravy, shrimp, baked potatoes and corn dogs.

The salad bar and hot food bar also duplicate Bonanza days, and thank goodness they didn't change. The salad bar was (as always) ter-

rific, and the hot bar offered spaghetti and some VERY tasty meatballs in barbecue sauce.

The six ounce top sirloins were ready on demand and came with some yummy hash browns (unless you request to exclude them).

I sampled a little of everything (except the chicken, which looked pretty scary). On the up-side, the steak was very good, and the shrimp

and mashed potatoes tasted excellent as well. The service rated top-notch, too.

Down-side: the corn dogs were cold, and the chicken-fried steak was a little greasy.

Lunch at the Silver Star runs \$5.99 per person, and dinner costs \$7.99 each. Senior citizens and children can get discounts.



IVORY STAR will headline a benefit concert for injured UNL cheerleader Tracy Jensen at 9 p.m. Thursday at the Royal Grove.

## Concert fee will benefit cheerleader

From Staff Reports

A benefit concert for a UNL cheerleader who injured her neck last week could spell financial relief for her family.

Tracy Jensen, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln junior from Lyons, injured her neck last Wednesday during practice while attempting a round-off to a back handspring to a single back tuck.

Jensen is a two-year member of the Husker Yell Squad and member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Her sorority sisters, together with the Royal Grove nightclub and radio stations KIBZ-FM (106.3) The Blaze and KKNB-FM (104.1) The Point, are presenting a concert Thursday to benefit Jensen.

"I felt we had to do something," said Rick Hughes, entertainment director at the Royal Grove.

Chronic Bliss, Far From Nowhere and headliner band Ivory Star—who are also from Lyons—will perform. The 19-and-over show starts at 9 p.m. The cost is \$5, with all proceeds going to benefit Jensen.

## New TV guidelines propose restrictions for children

WASHINGTON (AP) — TV shows would be lumped into six broad categories to guide parents in deciding what programs are suitable for their children to watch, under a TV industry ratings plan outlined by broadcasters Tuesday.

The ratings would include categories of "TV-G," suitable for all audiences, to "TV-M," for mature audiences only, under the plan described by broadcasters, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The system would also flag children's shows, using a "K" rating.

The plan is being fine tuned, broadcasters said, cautioning that there may be changes to the ratings categories and their descriptions before a final ratings system is unveiled next week.

Children's advocacy groups and others who have opposed this approach are not likely to be satisfied. They contend that the proposed system is too vague and would give parents little help in deciding what their children should or shouldn't watch.

The TV industry has said it plans to begin rating broadcast, cable and public TV shows by January.

News and sports programs would be exempt from the ratings. One of the biggest issues the TV industry is trying to resolve is which programs will

be entitled to the news exemption.

Under the proposed plan, shows would be rated using the following categories: "K," material suitable for children of all ages; "K-7," material suitable for children 7 and older; "TV-G," material suitable for all audiences; "TV-PG," parental guidance is suggested; "TV-14," material may be inappropriate for children under 14; and "TV-M," for mature audiences only.

Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center for Media Education, a children's advocacy group, doesn't like the proposal, particularly the "TV-PG" and "TV-14" ratings.

"Parents don't know why a show gets one of those ratings. Is it just because a little saucy language was used or because there was a lot of disturbing, graphic violence?" she said.

Montgomery likened the TV ratings plan to having a food labeling system that tells people "there may be something harmful in the product, but doesn't say what it is."

Specific definitions of each ratings category are being worked out. But broadcasters said a "TV-PG" rating would mean "the program may contain infrequent coarse language, limited violence, some suggestive sexual dia-