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LAST CHANCE FOR BIG TOP

The sky-blue capes of *Bo Bennett's Big Top Bonanza* have returned to Sarasota for the final performances of the season. You won't want to miss this enthralling spectacle, which opened last night to what can only be described as a thunderously popular reception by the locals.

The *Bonanza* offers two shows for the paying public.

Beginning at 7:30, the Big Top Show is proud to present the return of its two biggest stars: Marvin Mancuso, the balancing, juggling, high wire phenomenon beyond compare, and the fearless, death-defying lion tamer, Burt Butler. Both seasoned performers are guaranteed to stun and amaze.

The Flying Korchencko Brothers are again on hand, as well as the antics of Floppsy the Clown.

This spectacular show is hosted by ringmaster and owner of the circus, Bo Bennett. "Come for the games, stay for the rides," Bennett says. "But don't miss the Big Top Show."

At midnight the *Bonanza* offers *JoJo Bones' Exotic Emporium of Enigmatica*. We cannot stress enough that this show is not for the timid or faint of heart.

"Not at all," says dwarf impresario Bones. "The *Emporium* offers the talents of never-before-seen performers, uniquely suited to the tastes of brave adults. Children will be turned away at the door."

"This is not a freak show," Bones stresses. "The *Emporium* offers human anomalies displaying unheard of feats of physiology for the amazement of the paying public. You *will* be astounded."

A bold claim, for sure, but, also one that this reporter can surely verify.

For those brave enough to endure Svetlana, the contortionist, Quinn, the human pincushion and several other "human anomalies," the *Emporium* finishes with perhaps the most eerie and mystifying

performance of all: Roxanne Bones, The Blind Seer. The Seer astounds volunteers from the audience by reading their minds before chilling them to the bones by foretelling their own deaths. This is, truly, a spine-tingling ending to the late night show.

"You won't see anything like it in the world," Bones promises. "Not anywhere. Not ever."

Tickets are available at the box office, which opens promptly at 6:00.

VAN HORTEN RESIDENCE ROBBED

Sarasota police regret to report the theft last night of a substantial amount of priceless jewels from the home of Mamie Van Horten, as well as numerous local and national periodicals. Police believe that Mrs. Van Horten's mansion was broken into some time after midnight.

"I didn't hear a thing," Van Horten contends. "And I'm a very light sleeper. The rascals were quiet as church mice, I can tell you that."

While the jewelry was insured, the stolen items number amongst them invaluable heirlooms from the Van Horten collection.

"It's heartbreaking," Van Horten contends. "I'm a wreck."

Police are exploring possible leads, and welcome tips from the observant public.

ART THEFT HITS HOME FRONT

On a related note, local police have been alerted to be on the lookout for a stolen masterpiece. "Tension in Red," by famed Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky went missing last month from New York's famed Guggenheim Museum. Federal authorities have reason to believe that the painting may have been moved into the south Florida region.

The public is encouraged to keep a lookout for this invaluable piece of contemporary art.