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that ranged from \$25-\$550. Unlike our garage sales, though, these items were from Gucci and Fendi, not Garanimals. But there is hope. A pair of True’s Cat and Jack leggings, sold at Target for \$6.99, are going for \$20.

RICHARD HAMMOND AUCTIONS CARS FOR SHOW

Former host of BBC’s Top

Gar and host of Amazon’s “The Grand Tour” also has a show called “Richard Hammond’s Workshop” on Discovery. But to fund the show, he had to sell off some of his prized motoring possessions. A literal garage sale.

Gone at the gavel were four motorcycles and three cars, including a rare 1999 Lotus Esprit 355 sport, a mint 1969 Porsche 911 T produced in

the same month Hammond was born, and a Norton Dominator Street motorcycle, the fiftieth of 50 ever made and purchased for the host’s 50th birthday.

CHRIS BROWN PUTS IT IN THE YARD

In 2019, singer Chris Brown hosted a real, first-come, first-served yard sale in the Tarzana area of Los Angeles. Lines snaked around the tony neighborhood as Brown put designer items in his yard for cash as food trucks catered to the crowd. ABC News reported that Brown planned to donate a portion of the proceeds to charity. One shopper told reporters that he spent \$470 on “old-school Tommy, old-school Nike, some limited-edition dunks, stuff like that.”

JOHN BARROWMAN HOSTS BIG, BAD SALE

TV actor John Barrowman, known for his roles on “Doctor Who” and “Torchwood” hosted a “Big Bad Garage Sale” in 2017 in Palm Springs. The sale included appearances by Barrowman himself, along with DC and Marvel collectibles, memorabilia from his shows, clothes, designer labels and more. News reports say the actor posed for pictures and signed autographs for people waiting to get into the sale.

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SHOPPER'S TIP

Observe Etiquette at Popular Sales

While most of us don't expect the local celebrity to suddenly unload, we could turn up at a popular sale. Obey parking regulations, don't block in neighbors or driveways, and patiently wait your turn at the goods. Even if a food truck doesn't turn up.

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