

A&E

Lara Spencer brakes for book signing in Sarasota

By EMILY LEINFUSS, *Correspondent*

Lara Spencer of “Good Morning America” fame has been called a “thrifting savant.” However, she prefers the more adventurous “going hunting” as a way to describe her passion for stalking vintage finds at yard sales, thrift shops and yes, even dumpsters.

Spencer has turned her self-confessed obsession into a new book, “I Brake For Yard Sales . . . and Flea Markets, Thrift Shops, Auctions and the Occasional Dumpster.” She will sign copies Thursday night at Barnes & Noble.

It appears that behind the scenes of the current co-anchor for ABC’s “Good Morning America” and former host of PBS’s “Antiques Roadshow’s” more public life, Spencer has a whole other career — that of re-interpreting the tossed-away treasures she finds on her travels. Then she designs inventive interiors for her home and the abodes of famous friends like Kathy Griffin and others.

“I’ve been thinking about this book for a very long time, just as I have been going ‘sale-ing’ with my mother — that is what she called it — since I was a little kid,” says Spencer.

The book is a primer, not just for the ABCs of yard sale shopping, but also for identifying one’s interior design style and learning tips and tricks on how to hunt for items that fit.

“Whether you like French Country, Palm Beach Swag, Mid-Century Modern or English Classic, you can achieve these looks by using the principles in the book,” Spencer explained.

One of her favorite thrifting stomping grounds is Sarasota, where her mother has lived for seven years. Her local haunts include the SPARC Treasure Chest resale shop on Fruitville Road, Sarasota Architectural Salvage on Central Avenue and the



Lara Spencer, author of “I Brake for Yard Sales.” PHOTO PROVIDED

Women’s Exchange on South Orange Avenue.

In fact, she has given lasting fame to the latter by placing it on the “Favorite Haunts” map in her book. “My most recent find there is a set of 12, 1960s barware straight from the Don Draper and ‘Mad Men’ style,” she said. “The price was great at \$2 a glass, and I love that the money is going to a good cause.

“For my mother and I, yard sale-ing has become a cherished pastime — it is like therapy for us. We strategize on where to go and make the rounds of favorite thrift shops,” said Spencer. She adds that the mix of architectural styles in neighborhoods, combined with a warm community, makes Sarasota a great place to hunt. “A tip in the book is if you are looking for a specific kind of style, go to yard sales in the areas with that architecture,” she added.

It is a big month for Spencer, April marks the launch of her first book plus two HGTV specials where she served as creator and executive producer: “I Brake for Yard Sales” and “Flea Market Flip,” premiering on HGTV on April 20.

Don’t come empty-handed to her book signing Thursday. In addition to signing books, Spencer is looking forward to hearing stories from her visitors. “I love people to share their hunting trials and tribulations and to see pictures of the before and after. I get so inspired,” she said.

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8 p.m. Asolo Repertory Theatre/FSU Conservatory.
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Movies

Sports

Kids

	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
3	PBS Washington Week (N) (CC)	Florida This Week	Monarchy: The Royal Family at Work "The State Visit" (CC)		Art in the Twenty-First Century "Change" (Season Premiere) (N)		America Revealed "Food Machine" New York; California's Central Valley.	
8	NBC Who Do You Think You Are? "Lionel Richie" (CC)		Grimm "Love Sick" Hank's date surprises Nick. (N) (CC)		Dateline NBC Suspects are arrested after 15 years. (N) (CC)		NewsChannel 8 at 11PM (N)	Tonight Show With Jay Leno
10	CBS Undercover Boss "Budget Blinds" Budget Blinds CEO Chad Hallock. (N)		ACM Presents: Lionel Richie and Friends -- In Concert Lionel Richie performs with others. (N) (CC)				10 News, 11pm (N)	Late Show With David Letterman
13	FOX The Finder "The Last Meal" Willa is arrested. (N) (CC)		Fringe "The Consultant" Walter goes to the alternate universe. (N) (CC)		FOX13 10:00 News (N) (CC)		FOX13 News Edge (N) (CC)	(:35) Access Hollywood (N) (CC)
16	WUSF Antiques Roadshow "El Paso" (Part 2 of 3) (CC)		Midsomer Murders A man's body is found in a crop circle. (CC)		(9:48) Midsomer Murders (CC)	(:35) Theatreland (CC)	Tavis Smiley (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)
32	IND Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		How I Met	How I Met	The Office (CC)	The Office "Fire"
38	MNT Monk "Mr. Monk and the 12th Man"		Monk "Mr. Monk and the Paperboy"		Scrubs (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Excused (CC)	Excused (CC)
40 28	ABC Shark Tank An entrepreneur seeks a second chance. (N) (CC)		(:01) Primetime: What Would You Do? (CC)		20/20 (N) (CC)		ABC 7 News at 11 (N) (CC)	(:35) Nightline (N) (CC)
44	CW Nikita "Origins" Alex makes an announcement. (CC)		Supernatural "Slash Fiction" Evil clones of Sam and Dean are created.		Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	The Simpsons "Lost Verizon"	According to Jim (CC)
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
DISC	Jesse James: Outlaw Garage (CC)		Deadliest Catch "The Gamble"		Deadliest Catch "Deckhands" (CC)		Deadliest Catch "The Gamble"	
ESPN	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Houston Rockets. From the Toyota Center in Houston. (N)					NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Trail Blazers		
ESPN2	Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: O'Reilly Auto Parts 300. (N) (Live)				Boxing		
FOOD	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
HGTV	House Hunters: Million Dollar		HGTV Green Home 2012 (N) (CC)		House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Hotel Impossible (CC)	
TBS	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself *** (2009) Tyler Perry.			
TCM	Casablanca **** (1942, Drama) Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman. Nazis, intrigue and romance clash at a Moroccan nightclub. (CC) (DVS)		Forbidden Games **** (1952, Drama) Brigitte Fossey, Georges Poujouly. Two children make a cemetery for animals outside 1940 Paris.					
TNT	Law & Order "Fame" Shield laws and celebrity journalism.		We Are Marshall *** (2006, Drama) Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox, Ian McShane. A new coach struggles to rebuild a college football team. (CC)				We Were Soldiers ***	
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Fairly Legal "Gimme Shelter" (N)		In Plain Sight "Drag Me to Hell" (N)		Suits "Dirty Little Secrets" (CC)	

4/13/19

SARASOTA
BURNS COURT CINEMAS
506 Burns Lane
955-FILM (3456)

The Kid With a Bike (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 5, 7:30
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Fri. 2, 5:15, 7:45
Thin Ice (R) Fri. 2:30, 5:30, 8

HOLLYWOOD 20
1993 Main St.
954-5768

21 Jump Street (R) Fri. 1:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
American Reunion (R) Fri. 12:20, 1:05, 2:55, 4, 5:30, 7:35, 8:05, 10:10, 10:40
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) Fri. 12:35, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:25
Friends With Kids (R) Fri. 1, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri. 1, 3:50, 6:45, 9:35
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 1:10, 1:35, 3:35, 4:15, 4:40, 7, 7:20, 7:45, 10:05, 10:25, 10:45
Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) Fri. 12:35, 2:40, 4:55, 7:05, 9:25
Mirror Mirror [OC](PG) Fri. 12:40, 1:15, 3:45, 4:20, 7:25, 7:50, 9:55, 10:20
Rampart (R) Fri. 1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40
Safe House (R) Fri. 1:10, 3:55, 7:55, 10:30
This Means War (PG-13) Fri. 12:50, 4:35, 7:45, 10:30
Titanic 3D (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 12:45, 4:15, 4:45, 8:15, 8:45
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri. 12:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) Fri. 12:25, 1:20, 2:50, 4:50, 5:15, 7:30, 8, 10, 10:35

PARKWAY 8 CINEMAS
6300 N. Lockwood Ridge Road
360-6741

The Descendants (R) Fri. 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10
Hugo (PG) Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55
The Iron Lady (PG-13) Fri. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) Fri. 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55
A Separation (PG-13) Fri. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10
This Means War (PG-13) Fri. 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55
The Vow (PG-13) Fri. 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10
War Horse (PG-13) Fri. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05

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21 Jump Street (R) Fri. 11:10, 2:05, 5:05, 7:55, 10:30
American Reunion (R) Fri. 11, 2, 5, 8, 10:45
The Artist (PG-13) Fri. 10:30, 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) Fri. 10:25, 3:10, 7:40
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax 3D (PG) Fri. 12:50, 5:20, 9:55
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri. 10:45, 11:15, 12:45,

2:15, 3, 4:15, 5:30, 6:30, 7:45, 9:15, 9:50
Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri. 10:15, 10:50, 1, 1:50, 4, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15
Titanic 3D (PG-13) Fri. 10, 2:30, 7
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri. 10:05, 2:45, 10:25
Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) Fri. 12:25, 5:15, 7:50
Wrath of the Titans: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) Fri. 11:05, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10

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21 Jump Street (R) Fri. 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
American Reunion (R) Fri. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 8, 10:30
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) Fri. 10:25, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri. 10, 11, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10:05
John Carter (PG-13) Fri. 9:55
Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri. 10:55, 1:55, 4:55, 7:55, 10:25
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Fri. 11, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10
Titanic 3D (PG-13) Fri. 10, 11, 2, 3, 7, 8
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Fri. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) Fri. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30

MANATEE COUNTY
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303 U.S. 301 Blvd.
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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) Fri. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Fri. 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
The Iron Lady (PG-13) Fri. 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:20, 9:20
The Vow (PG-13) Fri. 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:20
War Horse (PG-13) Fri. 1, 4, 6:45, 9:30
The Woman in Black (PG-13) Fri. 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:20

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Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri. 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:50
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OAKMONT 8
4801 Cortez Road
954-5768

21 Jump Street (R) Fri. 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:15

IN PEOPLE NEWS

Marc Anthony has made his breakup from **Jennifer Lopez** official by filing for divorce months after the superstar couple announced their separation.

The Latin crooner filed his petition Monday in Los Angeles. He cited irreconcilable differences but did not put additional details of the split, including the date he and Lopez separated, in the filing.

The former couple announced they were ending their marriage in June after seven years. They have twin children together, and Anthony is seeking joint custody.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor **Lyle Waggoner** ("The Carol Burnett Show") is 77. Actor **Edward Fox** is 75. Actor **Paul Sorvino** is 73. Musician **Jack Casady** of Jefferson Airplane is 68. Actor **Tony Dow** ("Leave It to Beaver") is 67. Musician **Al Green** is 66. Actor **Ron Perlman** is 62. Actor **William Sadler** ("Wonderfalls," "Roswell") is 62. Singer **Peabo Bryson** is 61. Drummer **Max Weinberg** of the E Street Band (and "Late Night With Conan O'Brien") is 61. Keyboardist **Jimmy Destri** (Blondie) is 58.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. In **1742**, Handel's "Messiah" had its first public performance in Dublin, Ireland. In **1860**, the Pony Express completed its inaugural run from St. Joseph, Mo. to Sacramento, Calif. in 10 days. In **1912**, the Royal Flying Corps, a predecessor of Britain's Royal Air Force, was created. In **1943**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial. In **1960**, the U.S. Navy's Transit 1B navigational satellite was successfully launched into orbit. In **1970**, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst.

FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

TODAY

7 p.m. – Opening Night Film & Party

SFF 2012 begins with the flash of camera bulbs and a red carpet before the start of the opening night film, "Robot & Frank."

Set in the near future, "Robot & Frank" is the story of Frank (Frank Langella), a retired thief living alone and resigned to longing for the local librarian (Susan Sarandon). Concerned about his father's health, Frank's son brings him a new caretaker; a state-of-the-art robot with a perfect memory and an inexhaustible desire to

make Frank's life better. Initially reluctant to accept help, Frank soon recognizes the benefits of his robot, treating his electronic helper like a true friend. So, when Frank decides to get back in business, who else to turn to but his newfound companion?

USA. 90 min. Director Jake Schrier and star Frank Langella will be in attendance.

Following the film, the opening night party features food, drinks and dancing in Van Wezel's Bayfront Grand Foyer.

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