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Manicures, books and other deals this week

Hi, it's me, Marla Jo, your columnist and deals maven. If you know a great deal, let me know at mfisher@ocregister.com. You can also find me at Deals Diva on Facebook and Twitter. And don't forget to read my humor columns on Saturdays in the Register.

FREE TV PREVIEW

Today is the last day this month that DirecTV subscribers can get a free preview of Showtime, channels 545-557. I like to tape shows during the free previews to watch later. Good until midnight. Enjoy! If you want to get notified of these previews, go to FreePreview.TV and sign up.

FREE NAIL FIX

Hate your manicure? Want it fixed for free? It's possible, if you're willing to show it off on social media. This is a clever promotion, but you need a smartphone to take advantage of it. Contact Images Luxury Nail Lounge and tell them you want to redeem their #HappierNails promotion – or make an appointment online at imagesnaillounge.com/HappierNails. On the day you arrive, check in to the location on Facebook and/or Yelp. Once you receive your newly done manicure, simply post a photo of it on social media using #happiernails and tag them. Facebook: imagesluxurynaillounge; Instagram: @imagesluxurynaillounge; Twitter: @imagesluxnail. Two locations: 2525 Eastbluff Drive, Newport Beach, 949-720-9333; and 6705 Quail Hill Parkway, Irvine, 949-854-2222.

BOOK SALE

Save up to 80 percent at warehouse sales held by Scholastic Book Fairs, open to teachers, homeschoolers, volunteers and other educators. Sign up online for an invitation to attend. There will be thousands of items for \$2 or less. Upcoming sales: Thursday to May 23 at the Anaheim Warehouse, 2890 E. White Star Ave., 714-237-1100; also Thursday to Saturday at the Ayres Suites Mission Viejo, 28941 Los Alisos Blvd. Learn more and sign up here: Scholastic.com/bookfairs/events/warehouse

AMTRAK DEAL

Amtrak is offering to let your kids ride free up to the California Strawberry Festival this year. in the seaside town of Oxnard, 65 miles north of Los Angeles. Up to two kids age 12 or under can ride free per paid adult when you book by May 14, for travel May 15-17 on the San Joaquin or Pacific Surfliner trains. There's a free shuttle service running from the station to the festival. Note that kids always get 50 percent off. Learn more at Amtrak.com/deals

GROUPON MOM

Want to see the special Mother's Day deals cooked up by Groupon? Go here to see what's on offer: Groupon.com/mothers-day

FREE APP OF THE WEEK

Movies By Flixster: This is my go-to movie app for all seasons. Look up movies in current release or soon to be released, see their reviews from Rotten Tomatoes and find out when and where they're playing near you. Or, alternately, look up your favorite theaters and see what's playing along with show times. It even shows you how much money the movie earned in release the previous week.

KIDS ROBOTICS

Attend Bricks 4 Kidz Robotic Workshop for a fun and challenging introduction to the world of LEGO robotics, at the Yorba Linda library, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday. It's free. Location: 1818 Imperial Highway. Learn more: YorbaLindaLibrary.com or 714-777-2873.

FREE FISHING DERBY

The first-ever Kids' Fishing Derby at the newly restored Carbon Canyon Regional Park Lake will be held 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Children ages 15 and under fish for free. The lake will be stocked with catfish; and fishing experts will be on-site to assist the kids. Following the derby, a free hot dog lunch will be served, while supplies last, courtesy of Team 57 and participating vendors. There will also be an opportunity drawing for kids to win prizes. An adult must accompany all children at the event, which will take place rain or shine. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Location: Carbon Canyon Regional Park, 4442 Carbon Canyon Road, Brea. For more information, visit ocparks.com

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