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## HOUSE LEAGUE:

### OPEN REGISTRATION

Date: Saturday, August 20 & 27, 2005  
 Time: 10:00 am to Noon  
 Place: Front Lobby @ Centennial Arena  
 (N.W. corner of McCowan & Bullock Dr.)  
 Ages: Born 1985 to 2001

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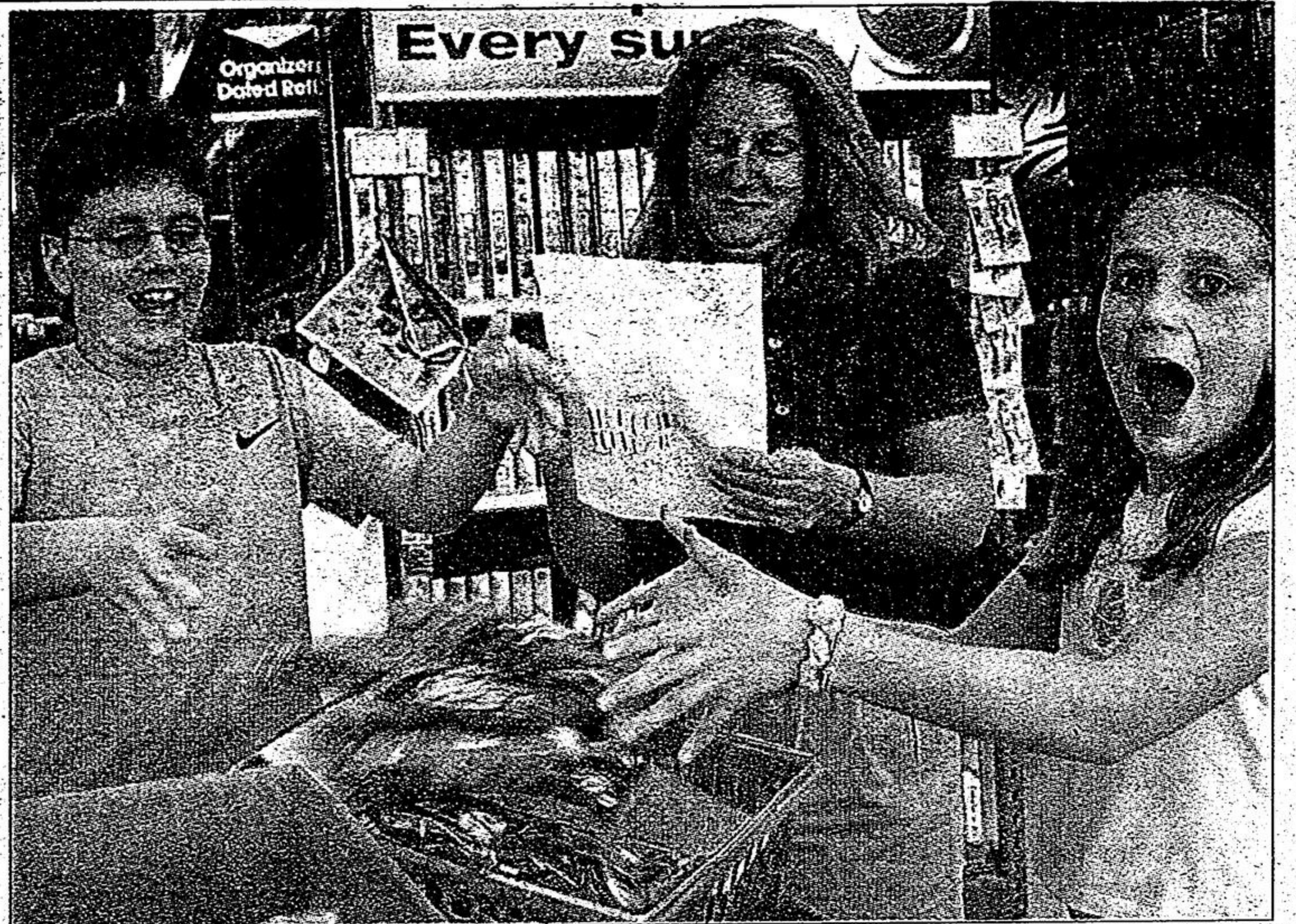
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As mom Ida Lozowskij checks her shopping list of school supplies, Anthony, 12 and Lina, 10, sneak candy into their basket. Balancing what children want for back-to-school without breaking the bank can be delicate for parents.

ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO CHIP IN FOR EXPENSIVE GOODS: MOM

# Labels can boost back-to-school spending

BY CAROLINE GRECH  
 Staff Writer

While many parents celebrate back to school, they are less enthusiastic about emptying their wallets on clothes and supplies.

Every August, parental pocketbooks get lighter as advertising tells students about all the items they must have for the school year.

Magazines such as *Cosmo Girl* and *Teen Vogue* influence teens as to what they should wear to school.

But making sure your child fits in without spending hundreds of dollars is a delicate balance.

Buying clothes second hand may be a start to saving money, according to William Glover, co-owner of *Once Upon a Child* in Newmarket.

"People can still buy something like Bjorn or Gap," Mr. Glover said. "If people can get over the stigma of buying something resale, people can save a lot of money."

But some local parents aren't too keen on the idea of used clothing.

Stopping by Staples in Newmarket in the middle of a Tuesday afternoon, the aisles were crowded with children and their mothers, many of whom came armed with a school-sup-

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said laughing.

For Newmarket mother Ida Lozowskij, the school's list is her guide.

Ms Lozowskij doesn't mind paying money for items she know will last, but won't spring the extra money just for a specific label.

Although Ms Lozowskij doesn't like to pay high prices for children's clothes, she is not keen on going to second-hand clothing stores to save money.

Aside from daughter Lina, who is going into Grade 5 in September, wanting new accessories for her locker, Ms Lozowskij doesn't feel too much pressure to buy the must-have gadgets her children see on TV.

As for general tips, parents may start early by taking stock of what their children already have.

Starting early also helps avoid the last-minute shopping spree that can cost parents double what they intended to spend.

Joining forces with other neighbours and families to buy supplies in bulk can also help.

Rogers is collecting school supplies for children who couldn't otherwise afford them. Donations can be left at all York Region Newspaper Group and Rogers offices.

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