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LeMay re-elected chair of Catholic school board

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While Canadians were abuzz about the possibility of a federal election, the Halton Catholic District School Board held two elections of its own Tuesday night, selecting a chair and vice-chair.

The position of board chair will continue to be held by Oakville Trustee Alice Anne LeMay, while the vice-chair is now Burlington Trustee Bob Van de Vrande, who replaced fellow Burlington Trustee Joanne Matters.

The terms for LeMay and Van de Vrande are effective immediately and will last until the first board meeting of December 2009. LeMay said she's confident that continued co-operation under her lead will ensure a solid faith-based education system in Halton.

"Catholic education will indeed face many challenges in the coming years, but we at Halton Catholic have a reputation of being one of the top boards in the province and we will continue, as always, to provide the best possible Catholic education to all our students to allow them all to reach their full potential," she said.

"We work closely with all our partners to keep Catholic education an important part of the pub-

licly-funded education system in this province. Our triangle of home, school and parish is important in the education of children, as it is often said, 'It takes a whole village to raise a child.' As a board, we are dedicated to working together in the interest of all the students entrusted to our care."

The election of the chair was done by secret ballot, so the final tallies weren't made public. Two names were put forward for the position Tuesday night, including LeMay and Matters. Matters, who was nominated by Oakville Trustee Pauline Houlahan, gave a short speech before the ballots were cast. She said she had learned a lot in the past year as vice-chair and was ready to further solidify the Catholic education system in the region as chair.

"This is an exciting time for our board and to complement our new director of education, Mr. (Michael) Pautler, I believe the chair of the board should embody an energetic vision that speaks to evangelization, professionalism and sincerity," she said.

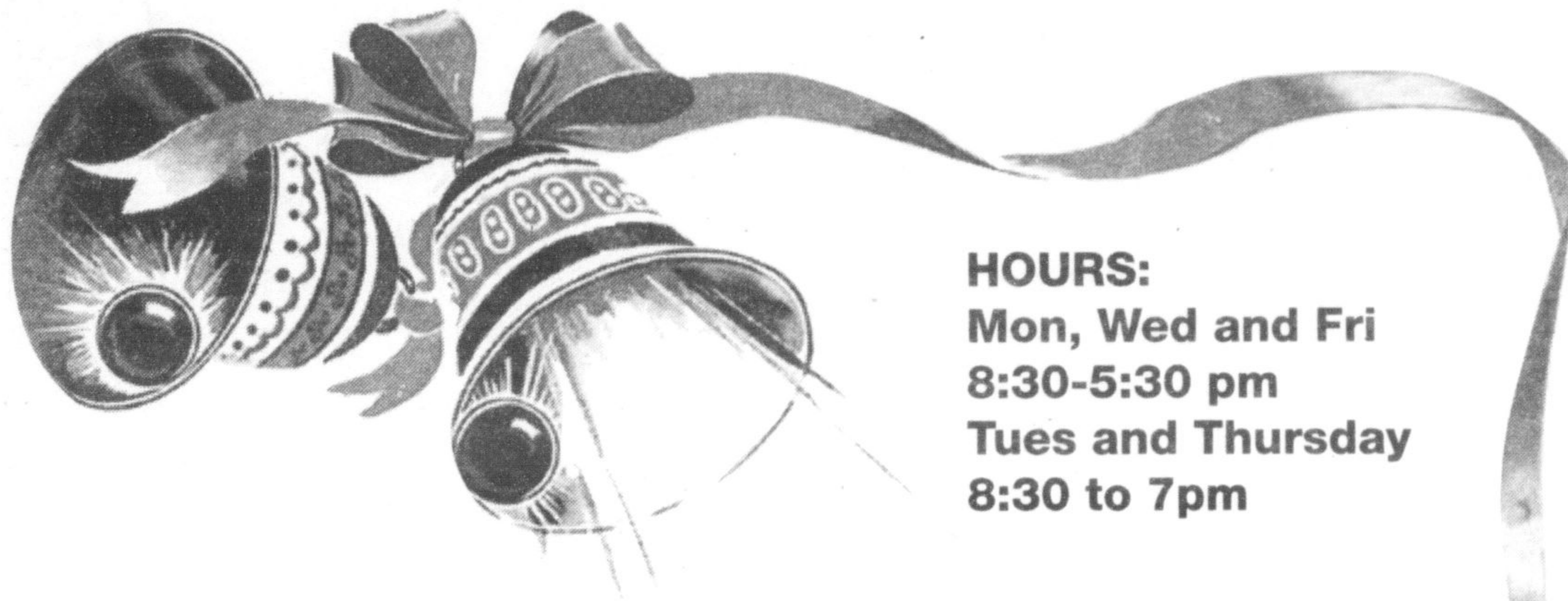
"It is no secret these are trying times for the Catholic education. On the one hand, we face the pressures of those who say we need not exist in this probabilistic society,

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