

LeMay acclaimed as Halton Catholic school board chair

Milton trustee named board's new vice-chair

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The longest-serving trustee at either school board in Halton Region is back as the chair of the board.

Alice Anne LeMay, an Oakville trustee since 1980, was acclaimed chair of the board for a one-year term at the December 6 meeting of the Halton Catholic District School Board.

First-term trustee Diane Rabenda of Milton was named the new vice-chair of the board.

Both women were acclaimed as they went unchallenged for the positions, the same scenario that played out last year when LeMay and Burlington trustee Arlene Iantomasi were acclaimed chair and vice-chair respectively.

The roles of chair and vice-chair are one-year terms running from the first regular board meeting in December to the first meeting the following December.

"Thank you for your faith in me, but the board isn't just about me but about all trustees and student trustees — and the real reason why we're here is for the students," LeMay said, in accepting the chair's role once again.

LeMay served as the board's chair previously in consecutive terms from December 1994 to December 1995, for 1995-96 and



Diane Rabenda

The role of the board chair, in part, is to moderate the meetings of trustees by ensuring the discussion of board issues stays on topic and remains civil, and to monitor and sometimes rule on the way discussions proceed.

The vice-chair fills the same role when the chair isn't available or unable to lead the board.

The nine-member slate of trustees for the Halton Catholic board is rounded out by Oakville trustees Paul Marai, Anthony Danko and Ed Viana, Burlington trustees Arlene Iantomasi, John Morrison and Jane Michael, and Halton Hills trustee John Mark Rowe.

again from September 2007 to December 2009.

Rabenda is also a veteran of the board. She had decades of experience as a teacher, principal and superintendent of education with the Halton Catholic board before being elected the trustee for Milton in 2010.

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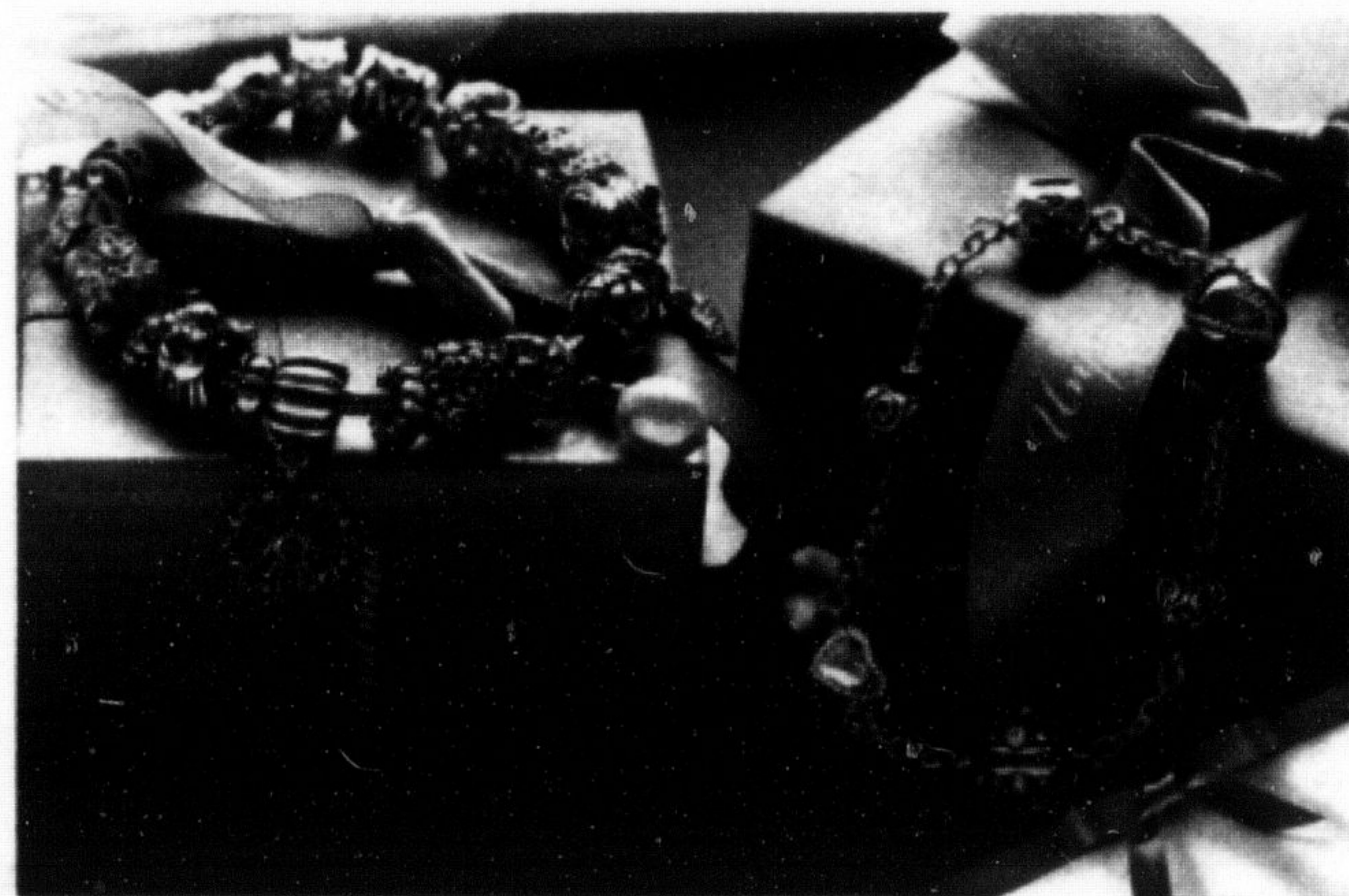
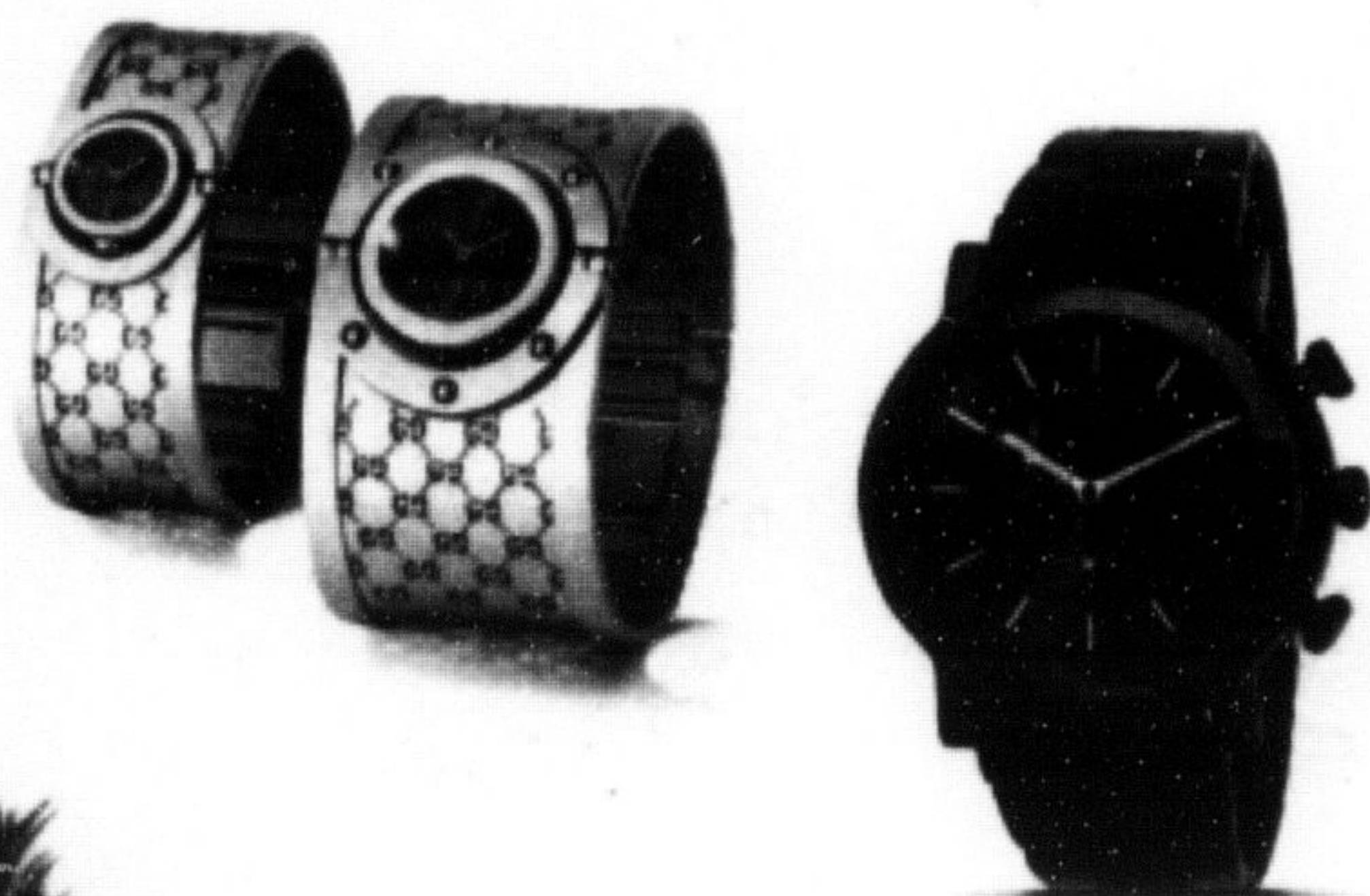
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