

Sanity questioned on this harrowing night

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When I got closer, however, a smaller sign beneath it said: 'Opening soon'.

There were no telephone booths or anything else open, so I turned around and went back to the car. A policeman had to come by sooner or later, so I'd just wait it out.

After an hour, I was beginning to question my strategy.

After two hours I was beginning to question my sanity. After three hours I started thinking about which of my body parts I would eat first if I was stuck there for a week or more.

I had devised a new plan in which I would turn off my four-way flashers and then when I saw a car approaching from behind, about every 10 minutes, I would turn them on.

That way they could see there was somebody in the car still alive, if just barely, and stop to help.

After a while, I thought maybe somebody would stop if I stood outside the car and looked pitiful. I considered lying down on the ground, but that would have been overkill.

Finally, a police truck flashed on its lights from the other side of the highway, cut across and pulled up behind me. I'd

never been so happy to see anybody in my life.

But then the policeman approached and started ranting and raving about how stupid I was to be standing in the middle of the road.

I had yet to put one foot on the actual road so I had no idea what he was talking about, but I didn't care, I was saved.

But then he kept going on about it until finally I told him in no uncertain terms how long I had been there, how cold I was, how many people had stopped to help, how miserable I was and how I hadn't been on the road, anyway.

He called a tow truck and then came back to tell me that next time I shouldn't stand on the road. I just nodded.

I got home at about 3 a.m., after an 18-km towing trip that cost more than a year's membership to the CAA, finished writing the stories by 5 a.m., about the same time that I stopped shivering, and went to bed.

At 6:52 a.m. the telephone rang. No, I wasn't Karmax.

The guy called a wrong number that early in the morning and didn't even apologize before hanging up.

Not the best night I've ever had.

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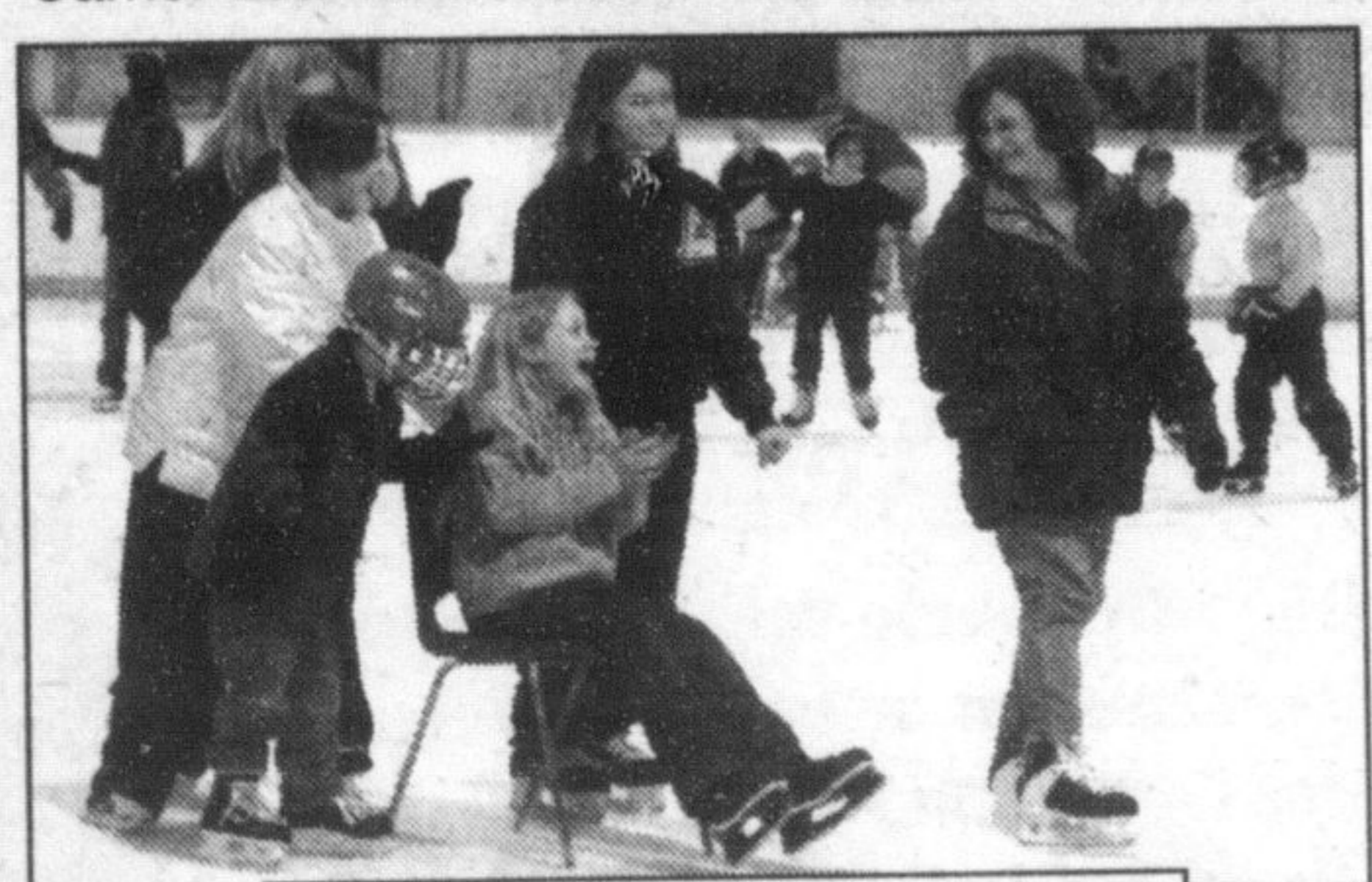
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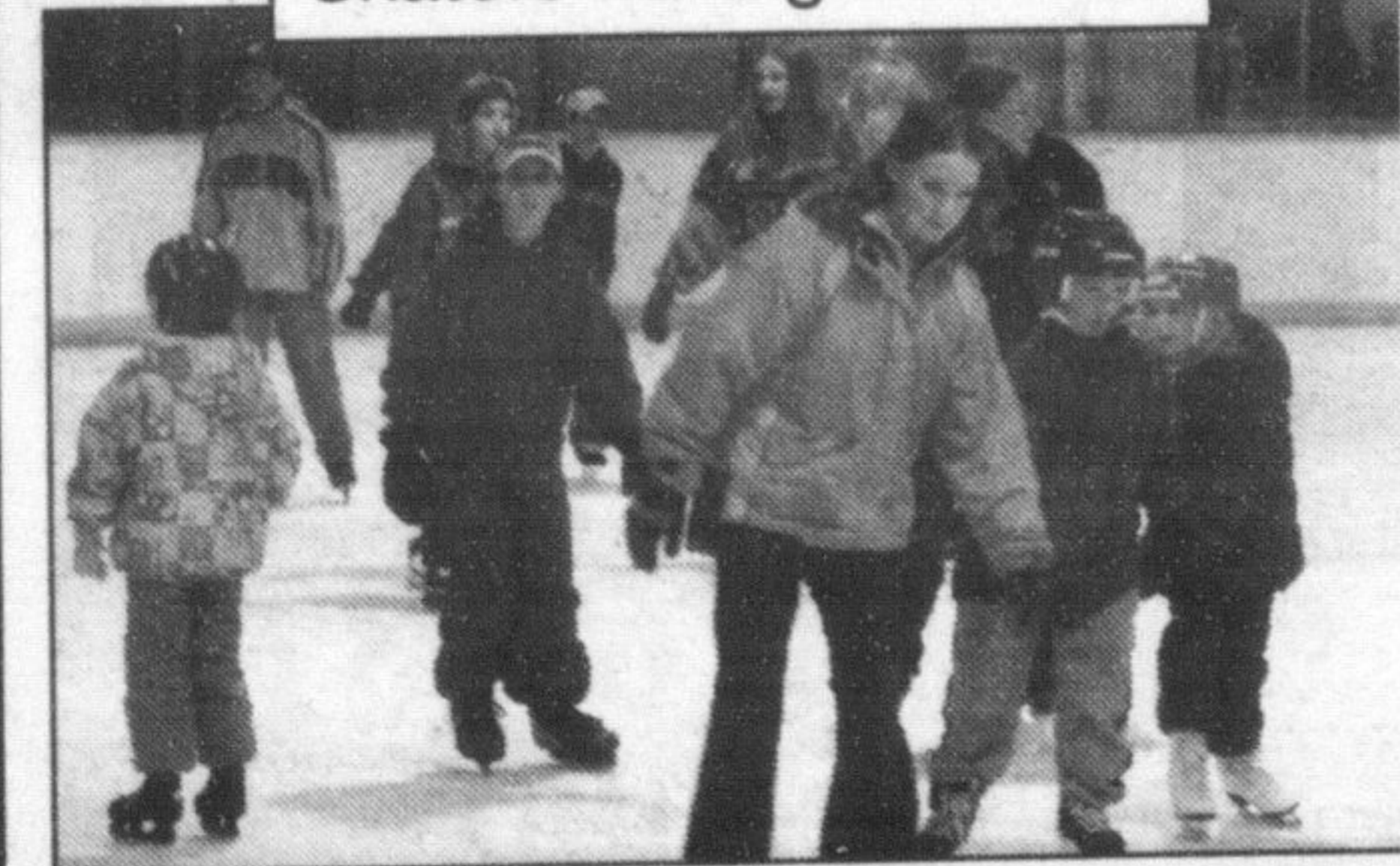
Five young skaters pose for a picture.



Carrier Leanna Beaumont smiles as she skates by.



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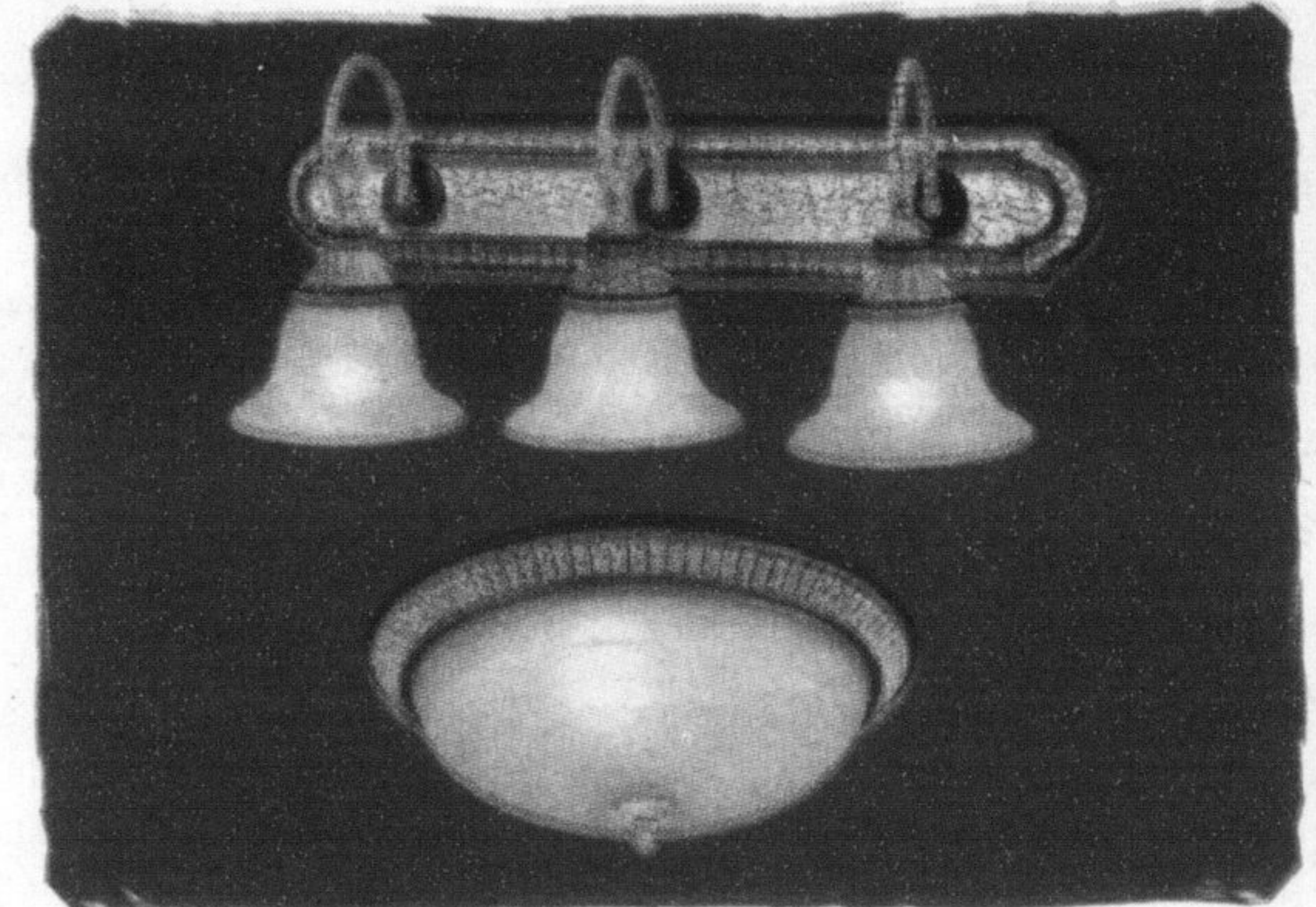
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