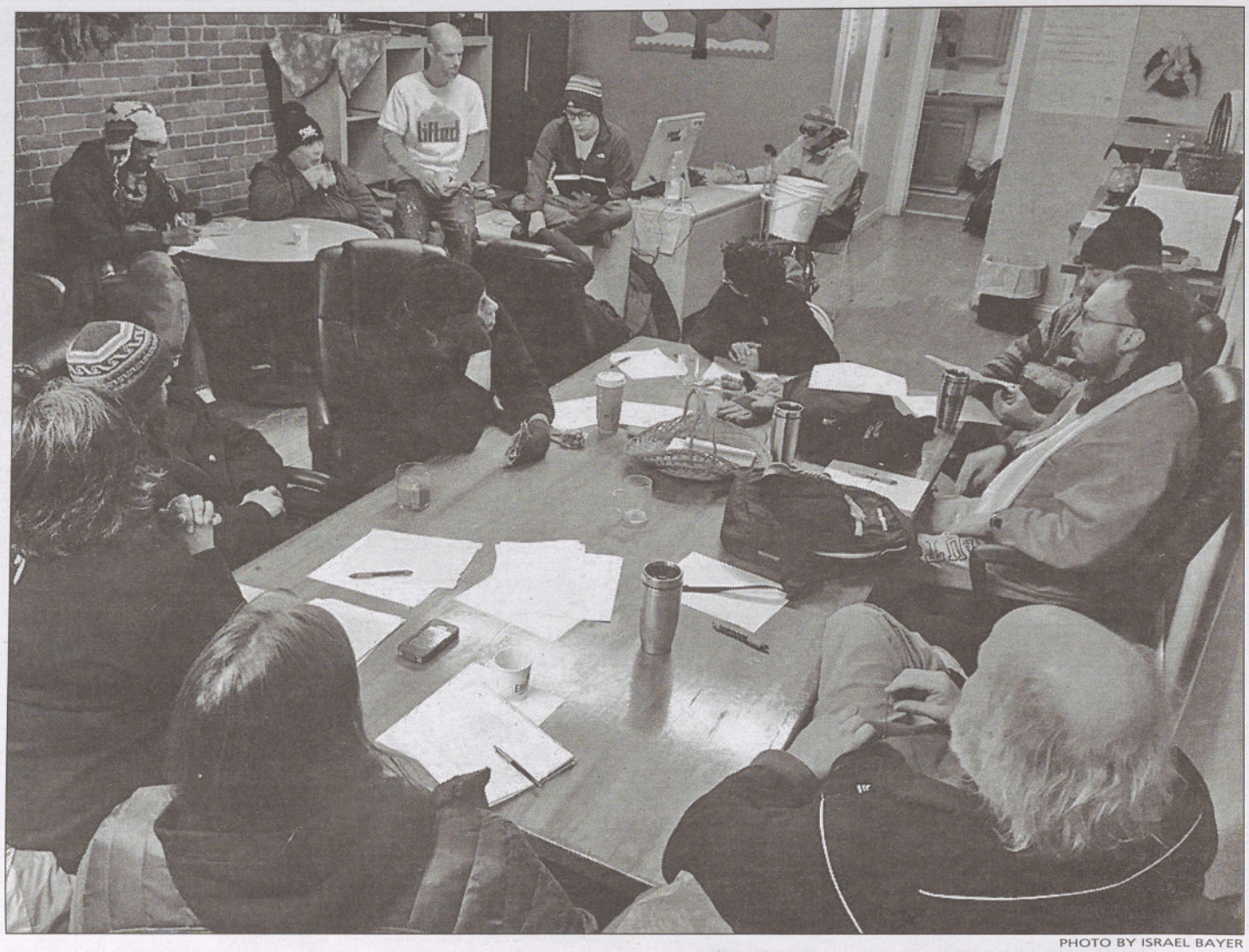
Winter Bondage

by Kareem Ali

In early morning
I stand perfectly still
Excitedly
Anticipating the tissue of morning

In the distant meadow
You break into a walk
Then I see you
Swimming into a quilt of trees
Gracefully continuing out,
Out where wild flowers
Settle into fissures of light

And there
The day finally ends
Drenching you in cracker crumb
Trail of snow
As you collapse from my arms
Into deeper waters.



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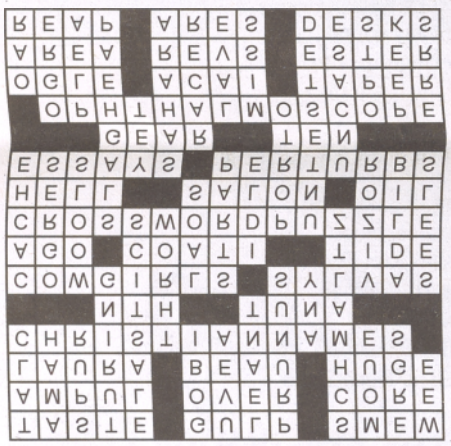

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