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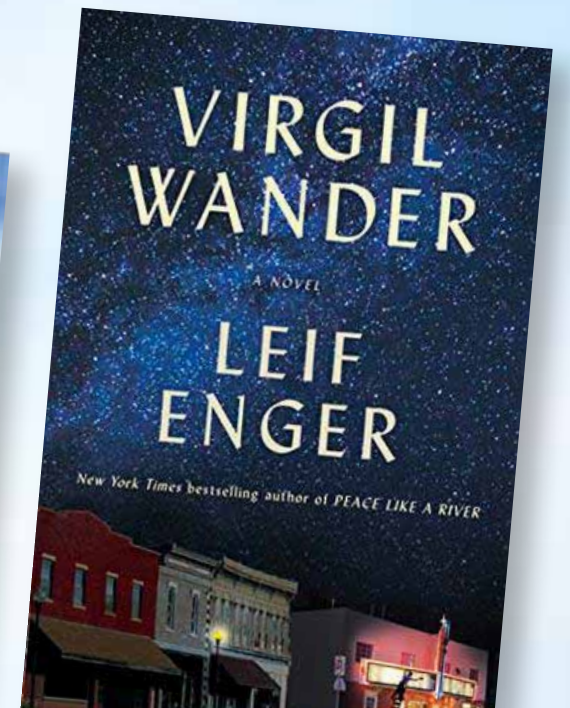
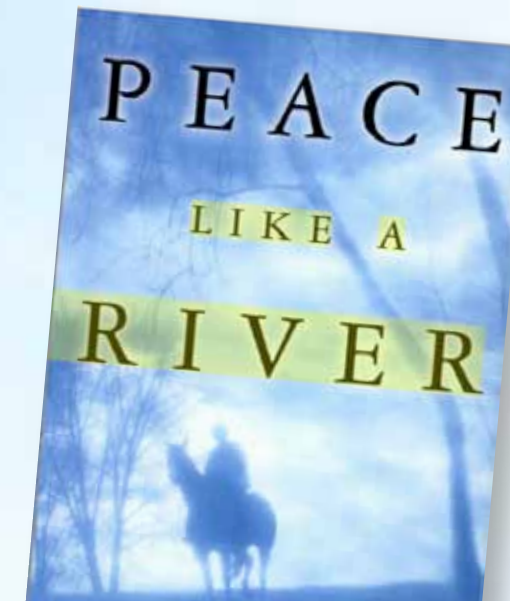
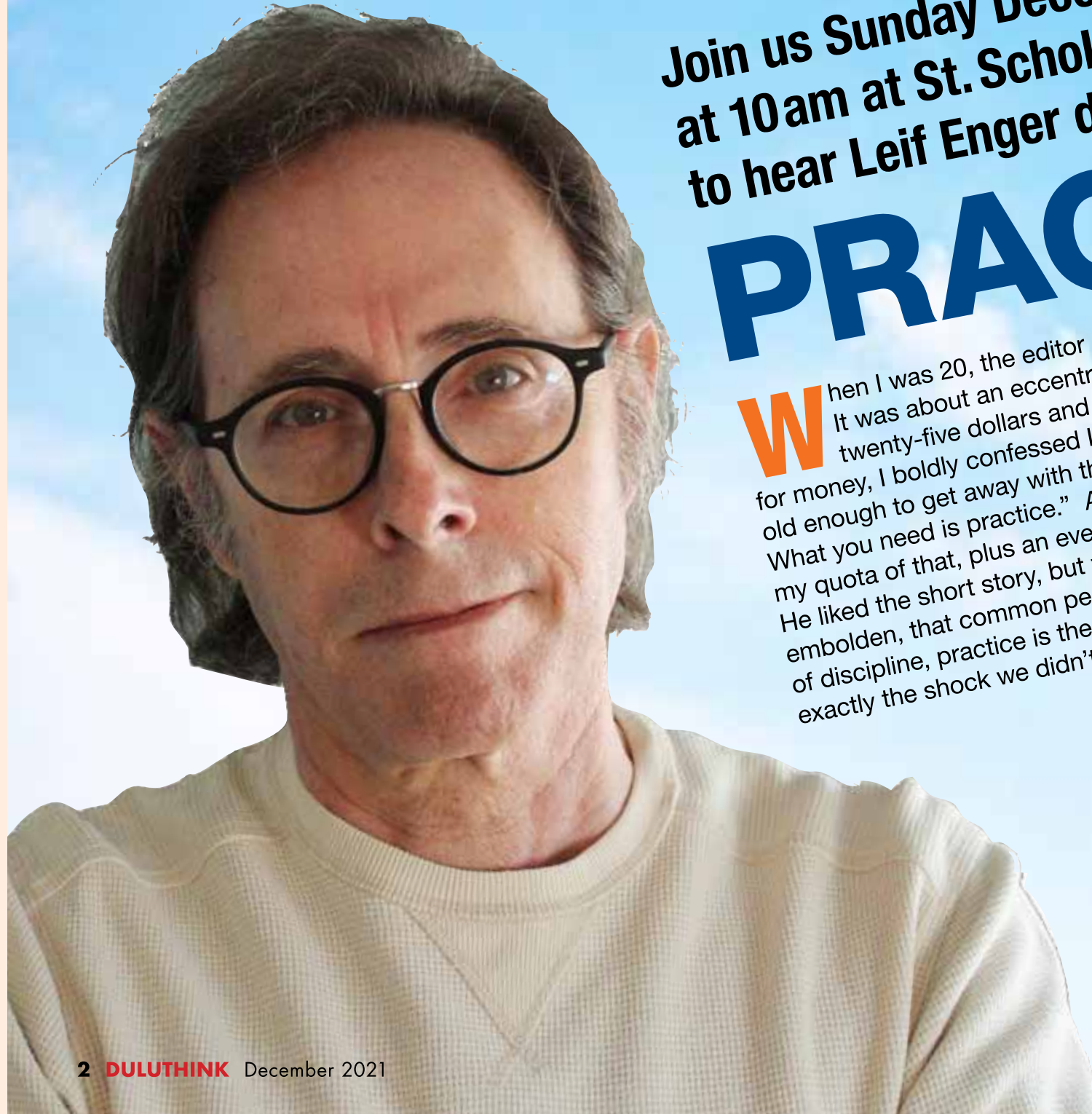


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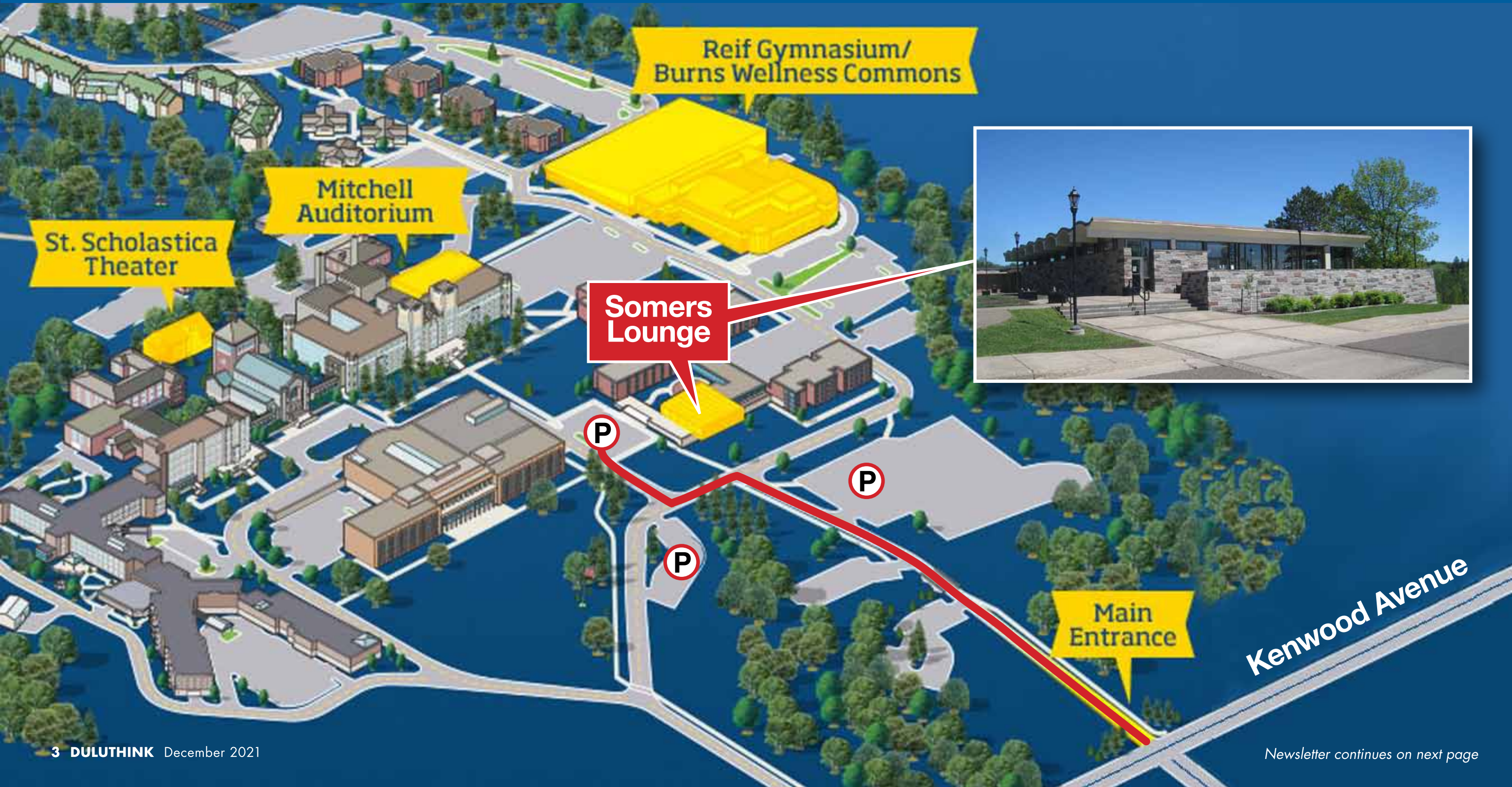
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PRACTICE

When I was 20, the editor of a Midwestern periodical accepted a short story of mine for publication. It was about an eccentric middle-aged kiteflyer whose marriage was delaminating. The editor paid me twenty-five dollars and asked what else I was working on. Full of zeal, because I had just sold words for money, I boldly confessed I'd started a novel and had high hopes for it. He said, "Listen, you are barely old enough to get away with this short story. You won't be old enough to write a novel until you're at least 35. What you need is practice." At the time I thought he was trying to caution me against ambition. No doubt I had my quota of that, plus an even bigger share of what he was really warning me about, which was ignorance. He liked the short story, but this was a small magazine in a college town. He'd learned to encourage, but not embolden, that common pest: the English major with something to say. And he was exactly right. Regardless of discipline, practice is the long haul we all require. It connects us, deflects panic, and sometimes delivers exactly the shock we didn't know we needed. On Sunday morning I'll talk briefly about my own.



Directions to St. Scholastica's Somers Lounge, 1200 Kenwood Avenue



J O I N U S F O R

Happy Hour

**4:00-6:00 pm Thursday, December 2nd
at Mexico Lindo, Fitger's Brewery Complex**

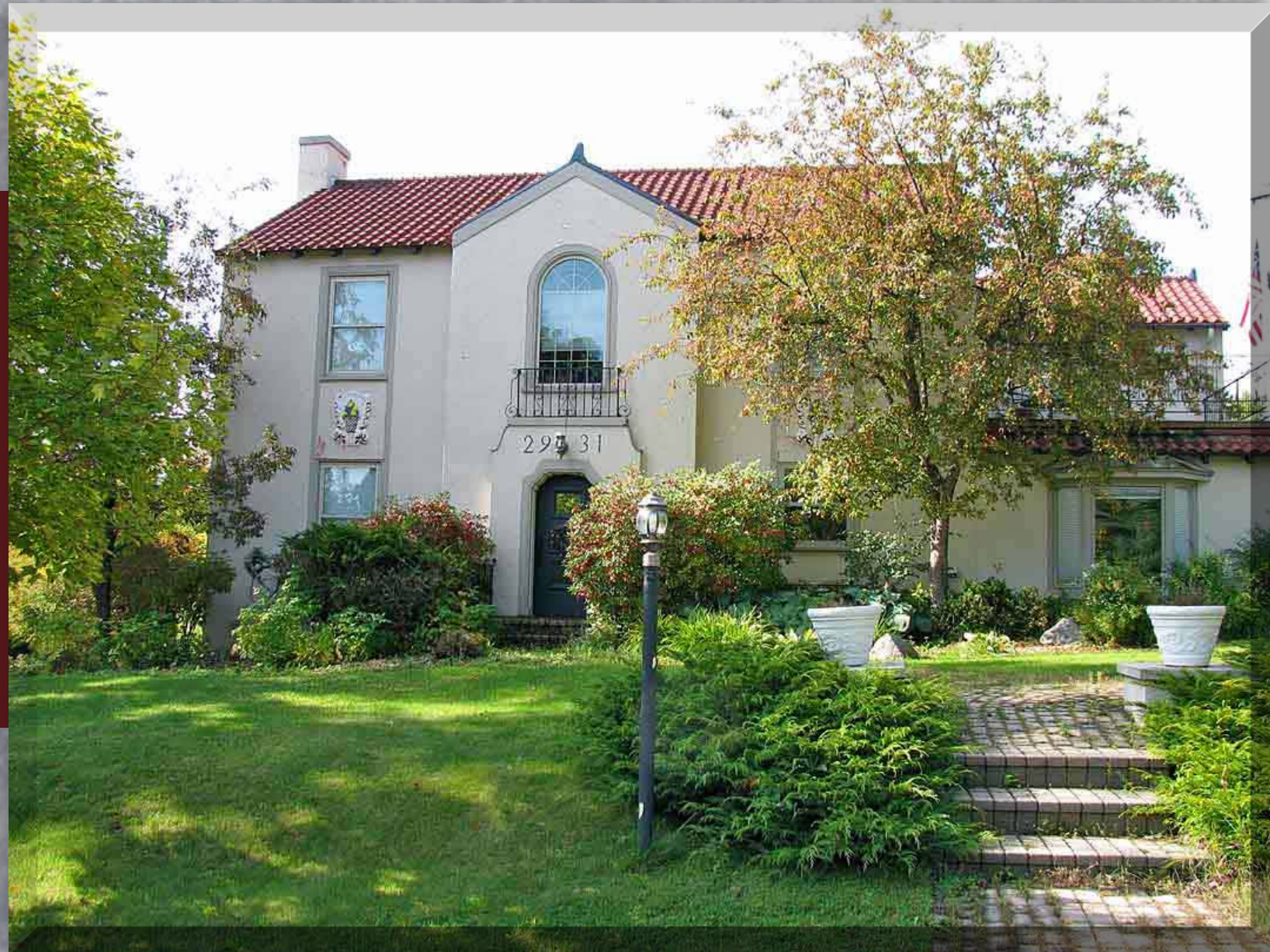
Meet your new favorite freethinkers at our old haunt: Mexico Lindo within the Fitger's Complex. We'll be there from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm to share stories, questions, and TexMex food choices or just some half-priced drinks. The server will validate your parking and we will validate (some of) your unusual ideas.

December Social Dinner

Join us December 15th at 5:30pm for LSF's Social Dinner overlooking the city at the revolving JJAstor restaurant on top of the Radisson Hotel



Next Pavilion Party Saturday December 25th



Pavilion Parties continue on the fourth Saturday of each month at the home of our “Flounder”, Bill Van Druten.

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Plan to arrive at 1pm. Bring a food item you have made, or maybe an interesting libation to share with other attendees. We'll talk and laugh at Dr. Van Druten's home: 2931 Greysolon Road in Duluth. Park anywhere on Greysolon Road but not on 30th Avenue!