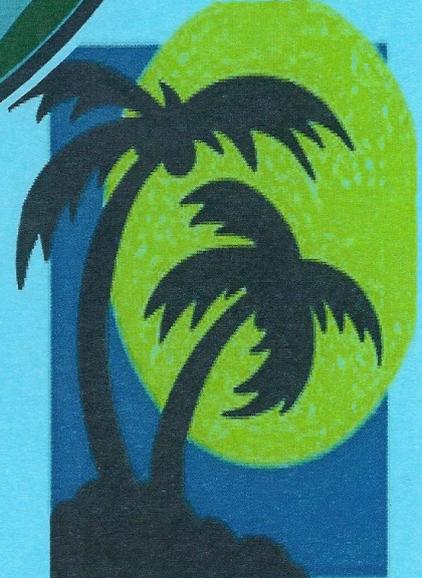
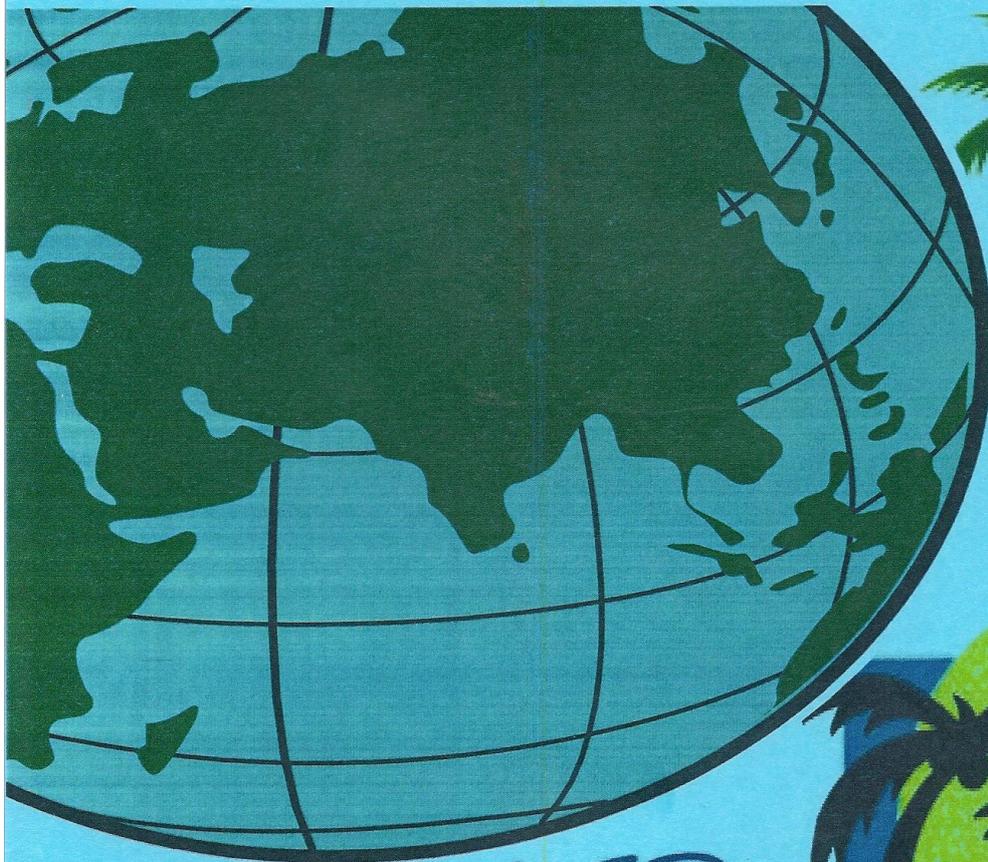


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I admire the smiles  
of the wax figures  
and the drunks.

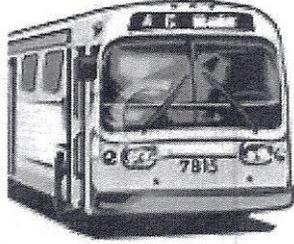
Their faith.  
Their humility.  
Their precision.  
Their infallible wisdom  
determined by the office of normalization.

I admire  
their wallpapered souls  
full of light and brocade.  
Their responsibility and legality  
surpassing  
the price of taxis and wine.

I'm terrified by the indifference  
with which they listen  
to the heavy breathing of the last trolley buses.

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**BAD HABIT**

Every day  
I go to work  
for my wife, Olga,  
so she has enough for shopping.

I must make an effort.  
The weekend approaches  
and the children would like to eat out on Sunday.  
We still have not succeeded  
in breaking this bad habit.



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