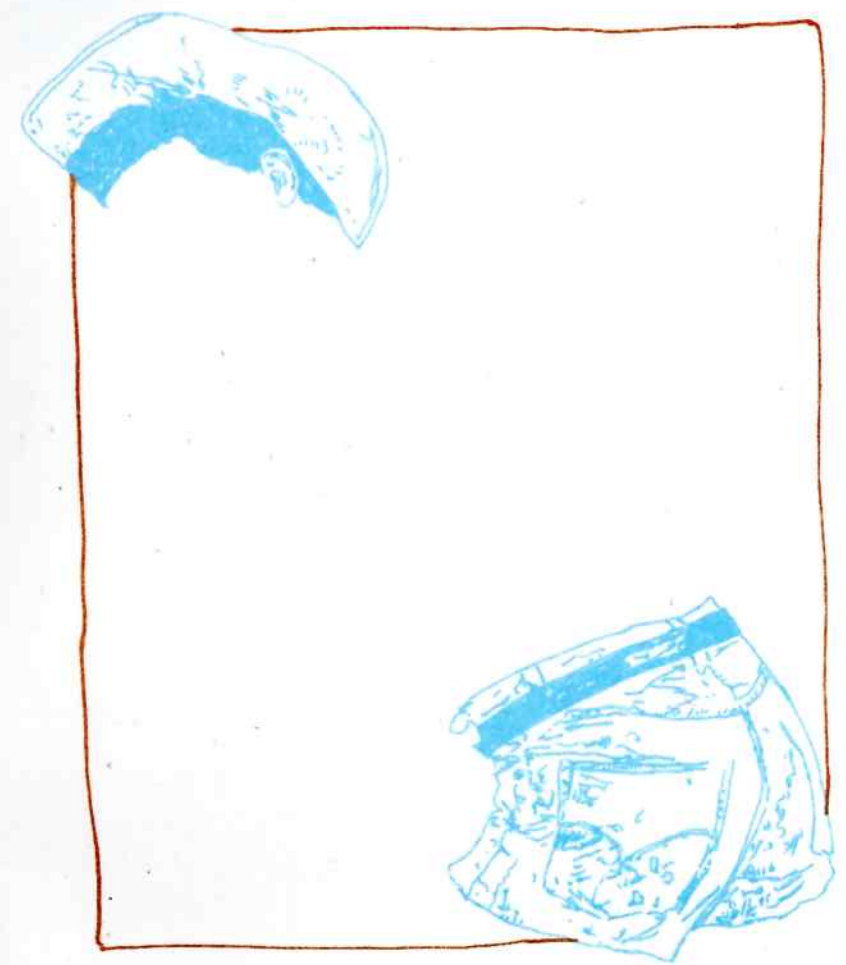




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On the Isle of Paradise Galveston



**Invisible Landmarks:
the evening becomes a fantasy**

It's Saturday August 2, 1975. You've just spent the last hour and a half blazing down the Gulf Freeway windows down, swerving potholes. Sure is hot on that concrete but you made it to the 'Isle of Paradise' as they say. Oh, of course you stopped halfway at the T-Bird where everyone always picks up refreshments. Now this is a weekend - ditching the city life for the 'isle life' - a thrilling (and relaxing!) Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon, and maybe some Sun nite activity. You head right to the "circle of downtown Galveston" - where most of your bars and the bathhouse are clustered.

Sources:

- JD Doyle Archives
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- Rock's Journal
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LaFitte (Calton LeBlond)	1965 - 68	305 25th St.
LaFitte (Robert's in '70)	1968 - 77 (early summer - fire)	409 25th St./Rosenberg
Robert's LaFitte	1977 - 84	213 22nd / Kempner
Robert's LaFitte	1984 - today	2501 Ave Q
Ken's Rooms	1970 maybe earlier - ?	407 1/2 25th St.
Lafitte Hotel	1975 (?) - ???	409 Rosenberg
Glory Hole	1966 - ?	2115 Strand
The Longhorn	before 66?	215 22nd St.
The Crazy Horse	1966 - ?	215 22nd St.
The Two B's	1965 - 66 (maybe later)	128 14th St.
Louisa's	1966 - ?	?
Red Witch	1968 summer	213 22nd St.
Scarlet Angel	1968 fall	213 22nd St.
Opus I	1968 from - till?	214 21st St.
4617 Club	1970 - ?	4617 Broadway
Zodiac Baths	1965 - 1968 ?	220 23rd St.
Gym Baths	1970 - 75 ?	220 23rd St. upstairs
Kon Tiki	fall 1968	215 19th St. ?
Kon Tiki	1968 (or earlier)	214 23rd St.
Kon Tiki	1970 (reopened after fire)	214 23rd St.
Kon Tiki + Baths	1976 - Aug '83 (fire)	220 23rd St.
Kon Tiki Wahine	1975 - 76 (later?)	2214 Mechanic
Kon Tiki + Blue Room	1982 - Aug '83 Fire	214 23rd St.
Kon Tiki (+ Blue Room)	1984	111 23rd St.
Kon Tiki	1985	2011 Market
(The New) Kon Tiki	1986	315 23rd St.
Garza's Kon Tiki	2001 - '08	315 23rd St.
Mary's II	1975	205 Q 1/2 St (Bye?)
Mary's II	1975 - '91 or ??	2502 Q 1/2 St.
Fruit Jar	1975 - 77 (or later?)	2214 Mechanic
Paradise	1975 - ?	213 22nd St.
Dolphin Room Seawall	1975, 76 - ?	1711 Ave O 1/2 or 1702 Seawall
Silver Palace	1978 - 82?	2405 Post Office St.
Silver Palace Saloon	1981 - '85 or '86	221 + Mechanic
Guest House	1978	
The Fly		

Galveston

Lounges:

Dolphin Room - Seawall Hotel - 1711 Ave. Q½ -

765-7738

Fruit Jar - 2214 Mechanic - 763-9947

Kon Tiki 214 23rd Tremont - 763-9031

Mary's Number II 2502 Ave. Q½

Paradise 213 Kepner & 22nd - 765-5311

Robert's LaFitte 409 Rosenberg - 763-9507

Bath:

Kon Tiki Baths - 220 23rd & Tremont

763-9314

Lodging:

Lafitte Hotel 409 Rosenberg - 763-9507

Seawall Hotel 1711 Ave. Q½ - 765-7738

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Tonight begins a four day - fifth anniversary celebration at Robert's LaFittes. Free buffet, door prizes. Grand door prize will be airline tickets for two to New Orleans, plus \$100.00 spending money.



Calton LeBlanc's LA FITTES
1965 - 1968 305 25th Street Galveston, Texas

1968 - 1977 LAFITTE'S, 411 25th St. Galveston, Texas

Lodging:
LaFittes Hotel - 409 Rosenberg

1977 - 1984 213 KEMPNER, Galveston

1984 - 2501 AVE. Q at 25th/Rosenberg

OCTOBER 1, 1965

this well-known spot where everybody congregates every day... day after day.

A trip to the isle isn't complete unless you wander into La Fittes for a brew.

MR. RICHARD
MR. ROBERT
MR. LONNIE



Galveston Daily News June 7, 1975

AUGUST 1970

Robert was behind the bar at the LaCaja for almost a year before taking over LaFittes in May. If you like to be on stage, be upstaged by Robert, bring your best drag and music and you're welcome at this gay spot anytime.

Just before the start of the current summer season, fire swept through the building. They quickly grabbed what they could and reopened on Kempner (22nd Street), within a few steps of two of Galveston's other gay clubs.

THRU JULY 21, 1977

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and
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BAR

IS LOCATED BETWEEN THE STRAITS ALLEY AND THE WASHINGTON HOTEL. ALTHOUGH IT WAS STILL EARLY THE TIME HAD NOT CHANGED MUCH SO WHEN YOU GO INTO THE TO ADJUST.

IN THE DARK TAKE ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSONALITY. AS YOU ENTER, YOU COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE FIRST BAR, AT LEAST FIFTEEN TOFORN MACHINES IN ALL THE TIMES YOU HAVE THERE YOU NEVER WANT IT PRODUCE.



"Welcome New Gay America"

GALVESTON-



Bath, just Hot outside on the streets and highways. Where? Gym Baths, of course! Went up to the third floor and saw some great changes in the making - snack bar - pool table and more rooms. Bigger and better with more of everything!!!

What's goin' on at ZODIAC Baths? Here-ml

Galveston is certainly is certainly doing all it can it can to keep Houston clean.

Tuesday Thru Friday 8:00 until - ?	Saturday and Sunday 4:00 until - ?	Friday Saturday & Sunday \$5.00 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday \$3.50	New recreation room & facilities to be open soon -
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Give me my ass back the same concerning The Gym, The Food, and Ladies. For the last 10 years I have been approached to help the local scene will be open soon. I will be called for recreation room. There is nothing to do. The same story and the gym opened. I thought the same building was for recreation. Actually the gym door will have a rack table (for men) and a table for women who work in the gym. Also an outside terrace. A big terrace for women. Men for drinks, etc. now a week. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Friday (same hours) Sunday 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Call 763-9314 for information.

GALVESTON NEWS

OF THE PIONEER by Sydney Sage



THE SELECTED DIARIES OF LOU SULLIVAN 1961 - 1971

There were tons of people but only about 2 cities. Charles said he's going to start calling me "be" + "him" + I told him to call me Lou tonight. So he introduced me as Lou + I didn't talk + was really feeling a lot of people into thinking me male. The rooms were like little closets, a bare mattress on the floor + I think a chair. That was it - barely room to move in.

At midnight they began getting ready for business + everyone left but those who were gonna stay. They all went to get undressed + walk around with only a towel wrapped around their waists. Jeff had been cruised by this guy + wanted to stay + while So Charles + I waited in the lobby for Jeff to get screwed by this guy + no one tried to kick me out or was freaked by me there + I was sure they all thought I was a guy.

So I got as far into a gay bath as I possibly could, being what I am.

Lou Sullivan, 1974

Galveston

Dancing, drinking and fruitless cruising makes one "sassy" and hard to smoke" so went next door and up the stairs to "Gym Baths" for a relaxing steam and shower. Sock it to um, would you believe, have you ever. Adjectives can't describe the enjoyment one can have here, upstairs? Yes- but the trip is worth it.



The gym BATHS

220 23RD ST. GALVESTON, TEXAS 763-9314

Steam bath, Gym, on the Isle, this is the one place everyone goes. If you miss old friends you'll find them at the Gym and meet new friends also.

1965 Zodiac Bath House, 220 23rd St.
 1970 GYM BATHS, INC. 763-9314
 1972 GALVESTON BATHS 763-9314
 220 23rd St. Galveston, Texas

Food Service
Color TV

Steam
Room



The bath house is on the second floor and is predominately a large room divided into many smaller ones large enough for only a small bed and a little walking space.

Metal lockers similar to the ones commonly used in schools line one wall.

There is a large gang-type shower and a cooling off room.

The walls of the cooling off room are lined with benches covered with mattresses.

This room is often used as a show room where men can sit on the benches and watch other men.



"Rub-a-Dub-Dub"

OCTOBER 1, 1965

In Galveston, everyone seems to be becoming health conscious. No wonder, there's a new place called ZODIAC BATHS that is really great. We have yet to hear of anyone leaving not feeling a great deal better--no try it!



DAVID/APRIL 1972

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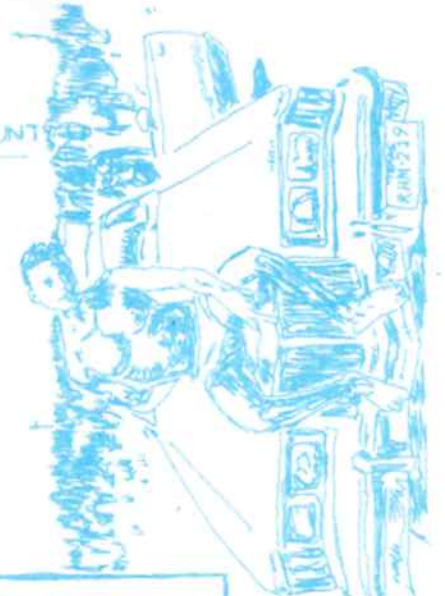
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Lewdness

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These in wade deep water exposing their rear end for friends to take pictures dressed in thongs and G-strings.



SPLASH SPRAY

Stewart Beach
Galveston Isle
Sunday, May 1
1983



Unaware that their visit coincided with Gay Splash Day, said they were shocked by the sight of men wearing only thongs or jock straps and involved in displays of public affection or feigned sex.

"It's Gay Splash Day. It happens the first Sunday of May every year."

Other officials say Gay Day dates back well mid-1970s.

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