

Who Owns The Raindrop?

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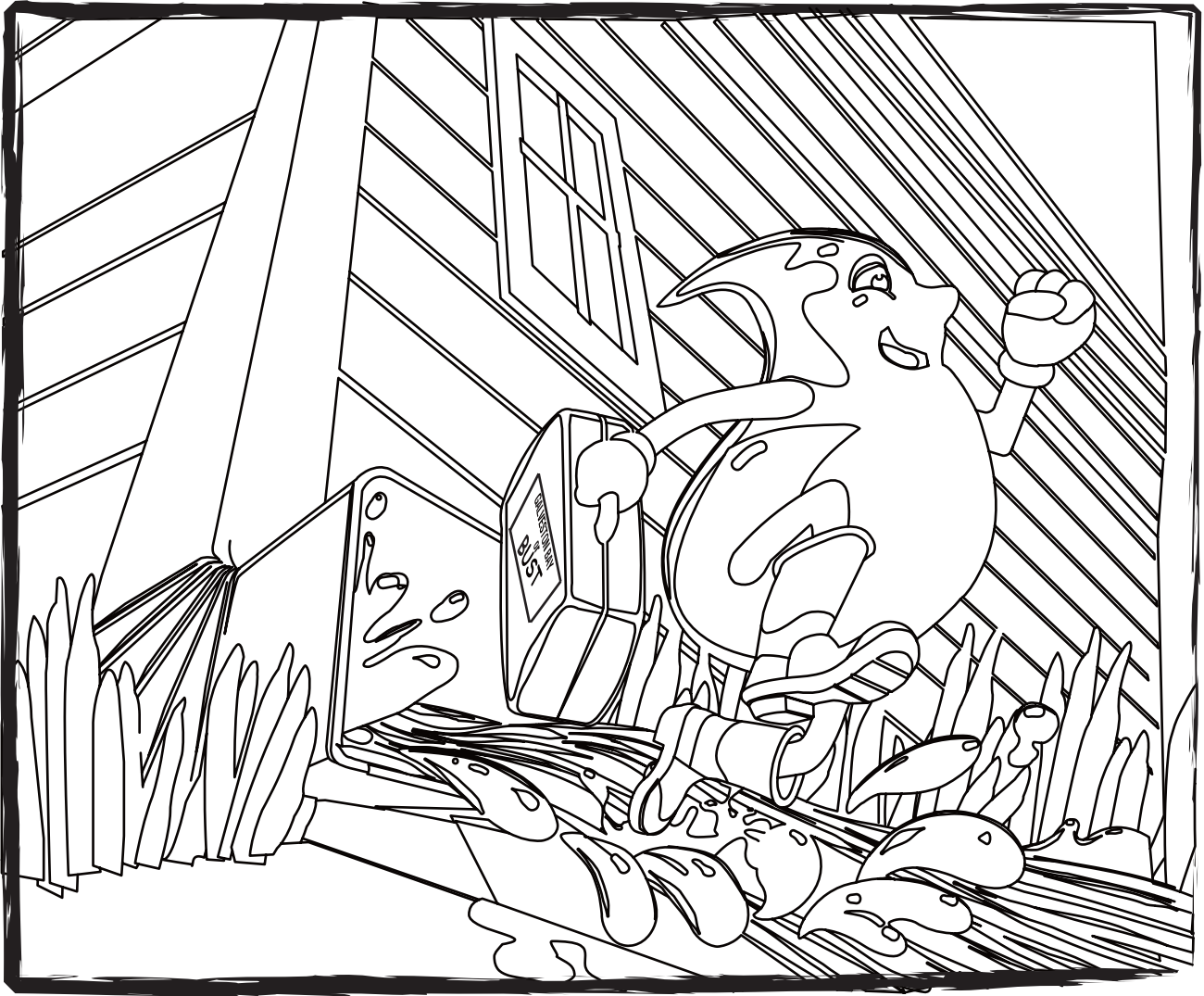
Follow Raindy the Raindrop as he travels from your house out to sea.



Raindy the Raindrop falls from the sky and lands on your house or in your neighborhood. Once he's on the ground, where does he really go?

Let's learn about the long journey Raindy must take before he gets to sea... and how Raindy's "owners" change along the way.

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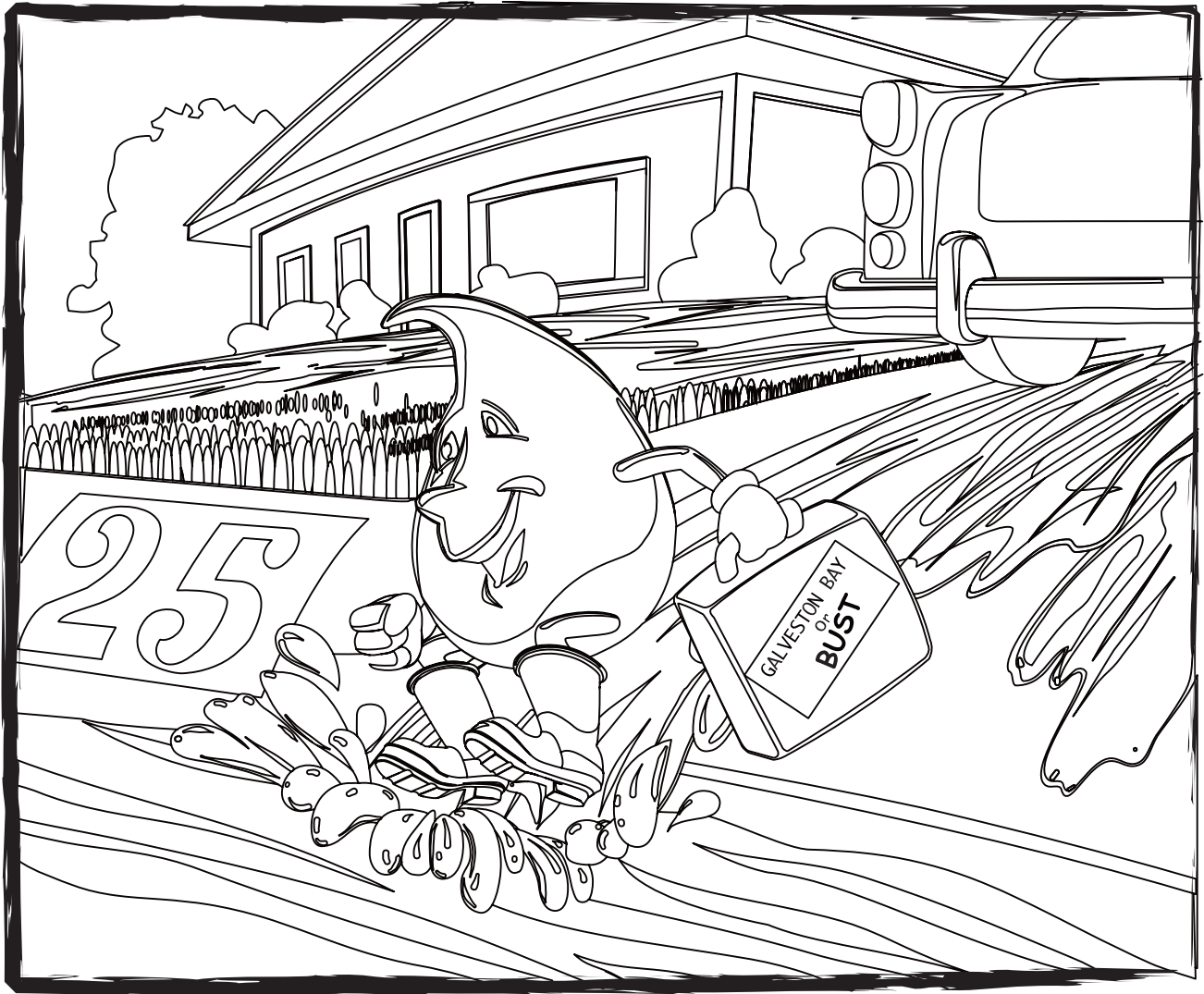
Raindy the Raindrop falls from the sky, lands on your roof and heads out the down spout.

Question:

So, who owns Raindy?

Answer:

Whoever owns your house. It's probably your mom and dad. So, if the rain is on your house or in your yard, you own it.



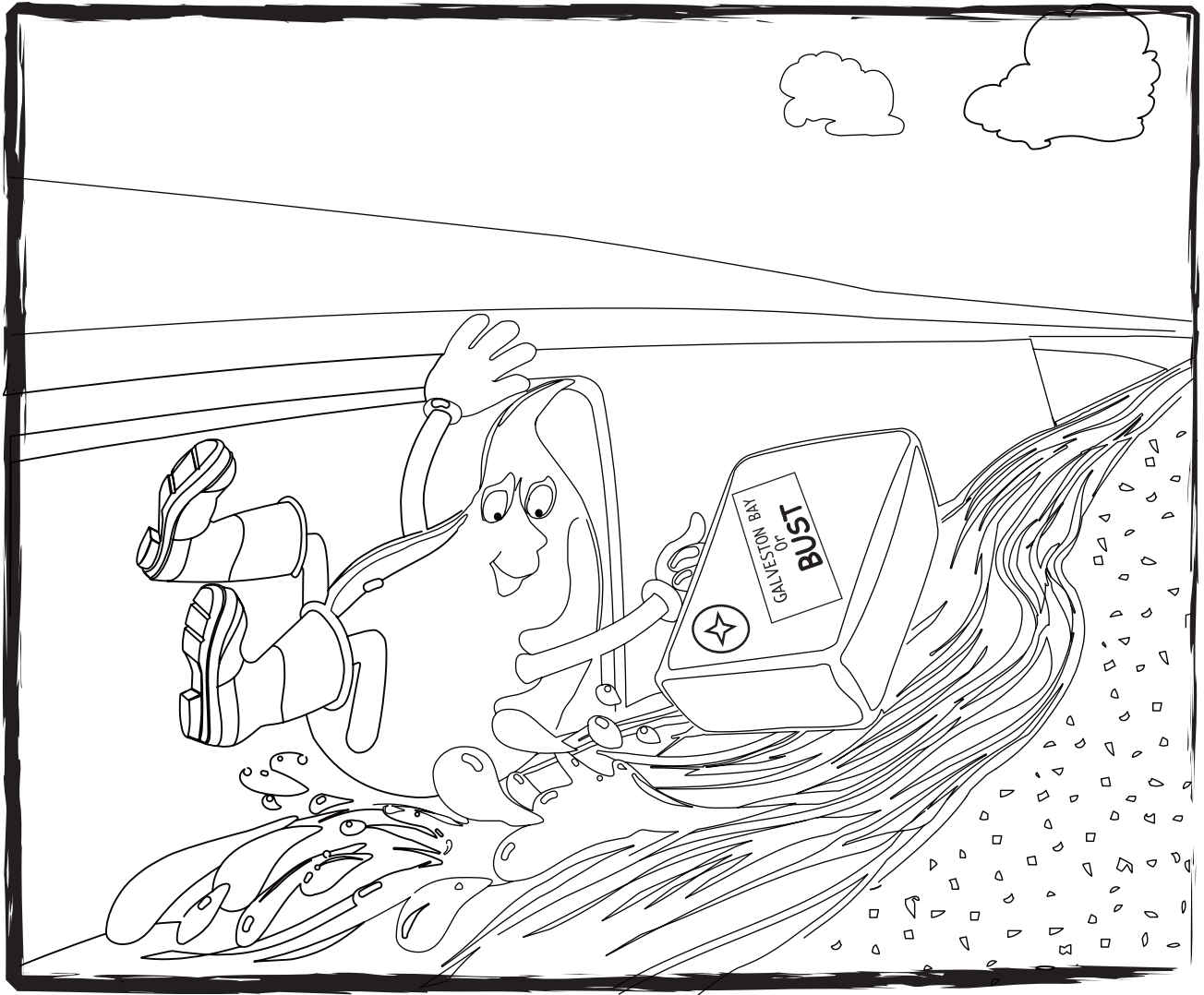
Next, it's down your driveway and into the street.

Question:

Now, who owns Raindy the Raindrop?

Answer:

It's usually your town that owns the street, so now the raindrop is "public water."



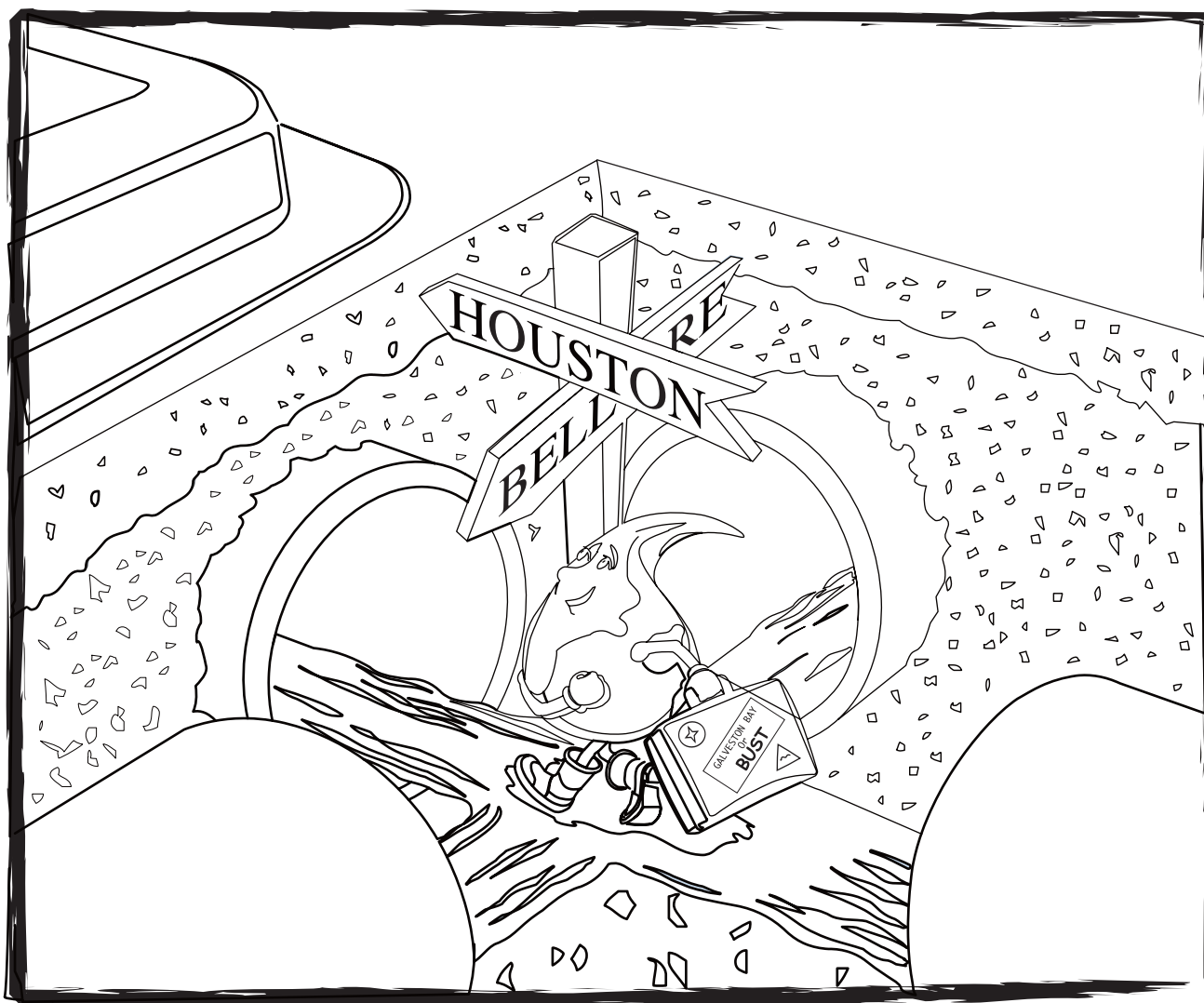
In the street and headed for a gutter.

Question:

Who owns Raindy the Raindrop?

Answer:

Again, it's whoever owns the street, usually your town.
Let's see what happens next!



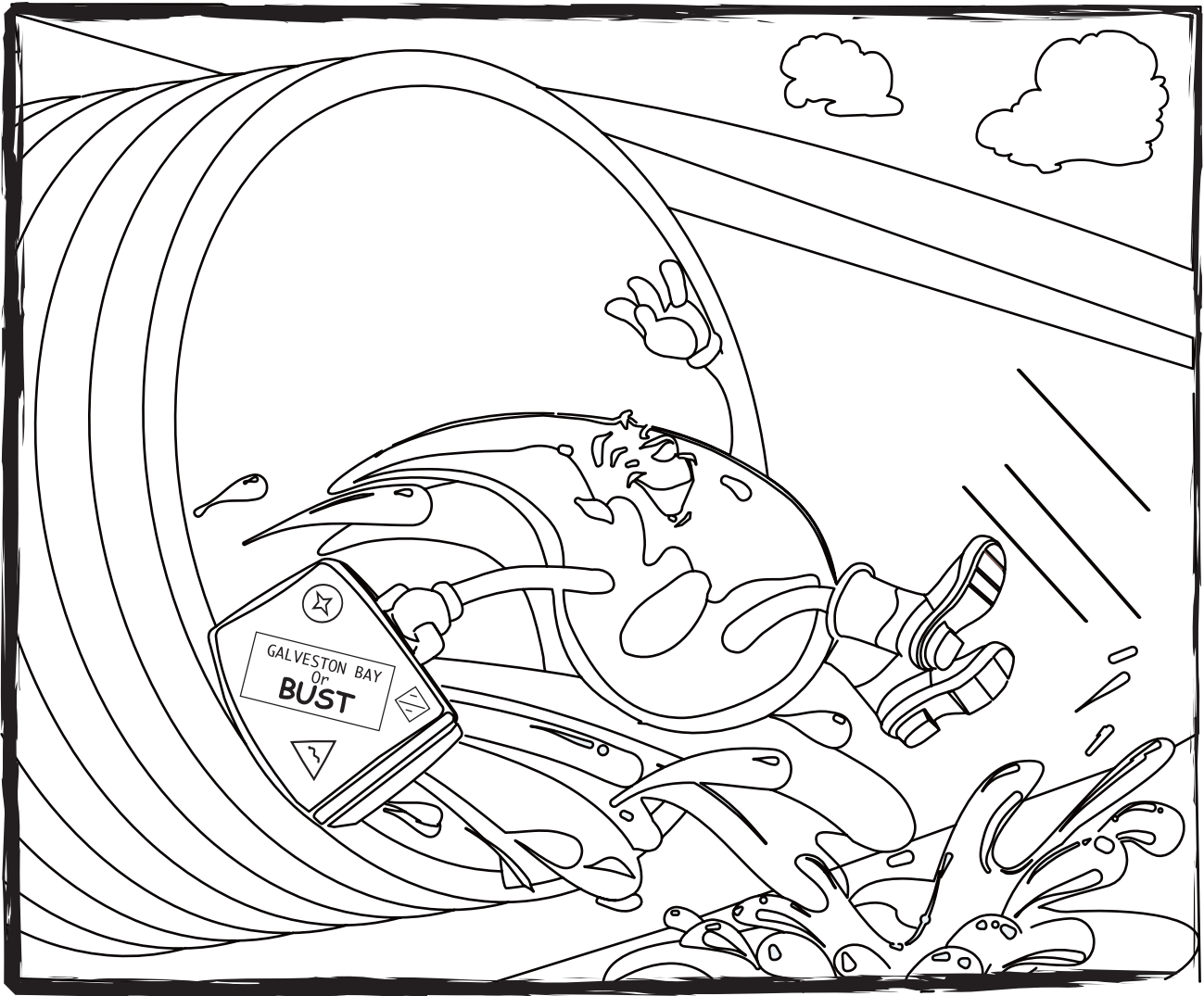
Now, Raindy the Raindrop is underground and in the storm sewers.

Question:

Who owns Raindy the Raindrop?

Answer:

Any of the towns or cities along the way. Even your county could own the raindrop. Storm sewers help drain the streets, so whoever built the street above, also owns the sewer... and now they own Raindy the Raindrop.



Wheee! Raindy is headed for a bayou, but he finds his way to a little ditch first.

Question:

Who owns Raindy the Raindrop now?

Answer:

The people that own the land for each ditch own Raindy the Raindrop now.

It could be your town, Harris County, or maybe even the Harris County Flood Control District.



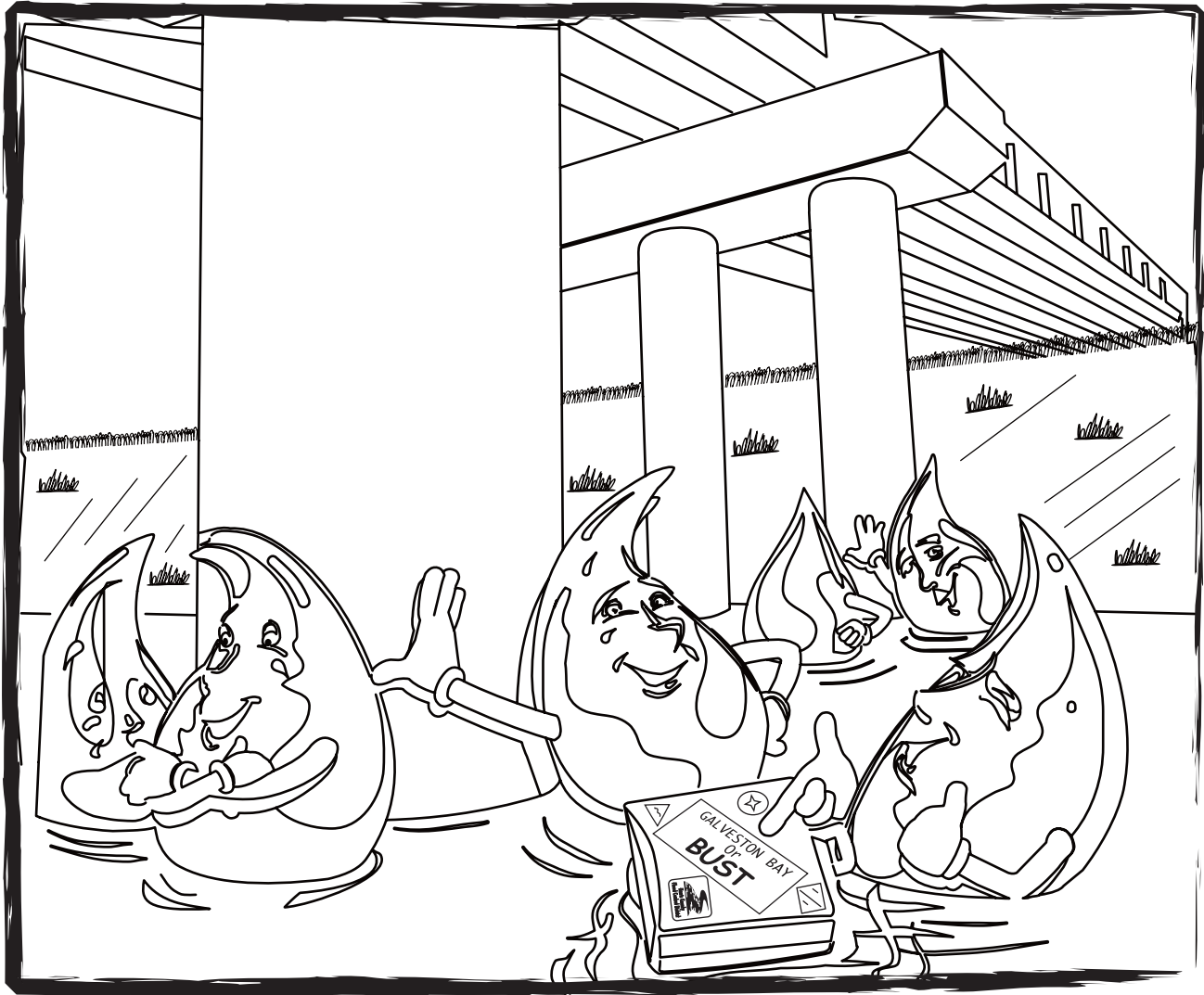
Finally, Rainy the Raindrop is in a bayou.

Question:

So, who owns him now?

Answer:

In Harris County, it's almost always the Harris County Flood Control District, but sometimes another town may own part of the bayou.



But wait! There's a bridge over the bayou, with lots of raindrops that came from other streets and towns and ditches.

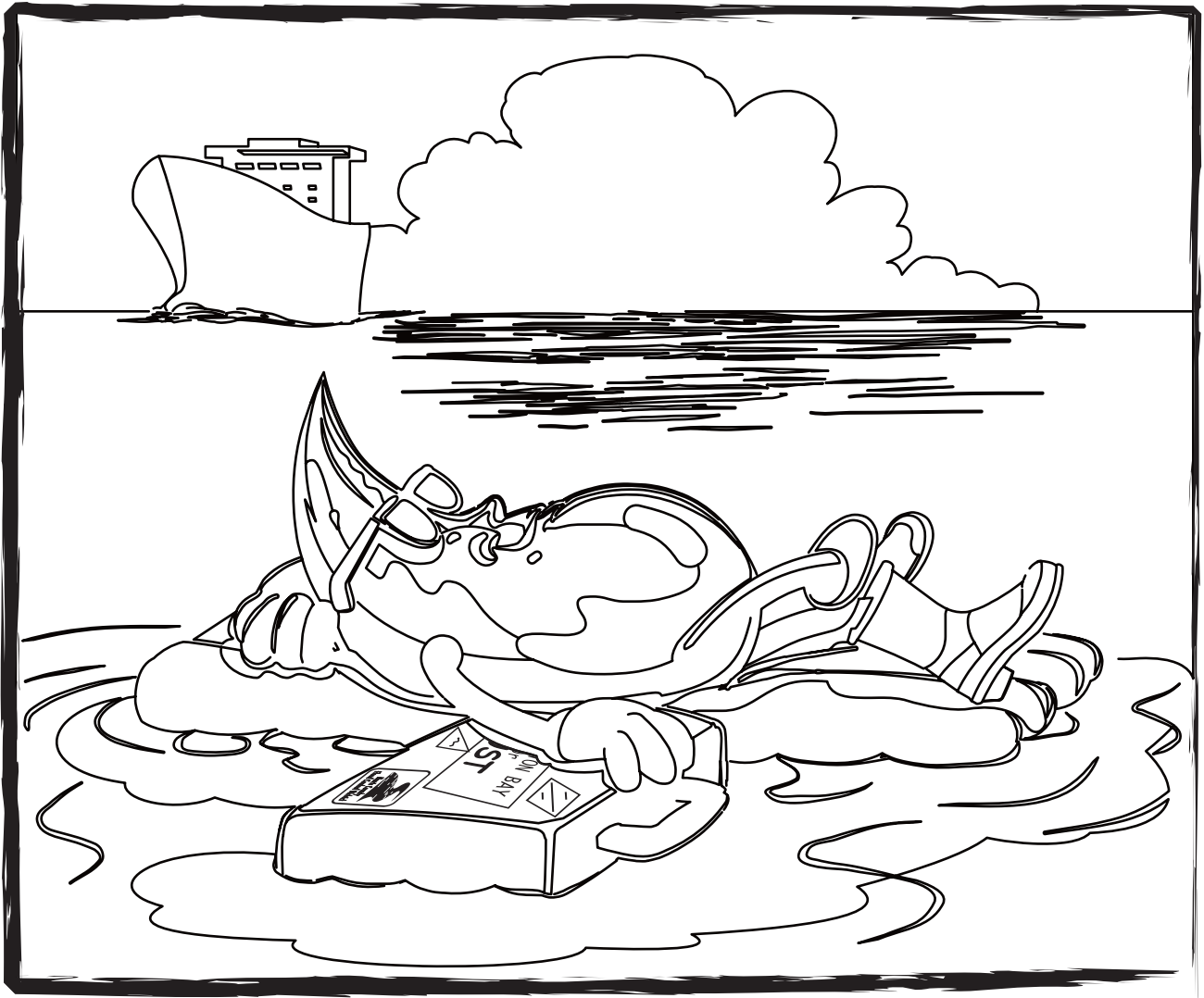
Question:

Now, who owns Raindy... and his new friends?

Answer:

Bridges belong to the road, so just like the gutters and sewers, whoever owns the road owns the bridge. But, **THIS TIME** Raindy and his friends still belong to the owner of the bayou, since they're inside the bayou.

Where do you think Raindy will go next?

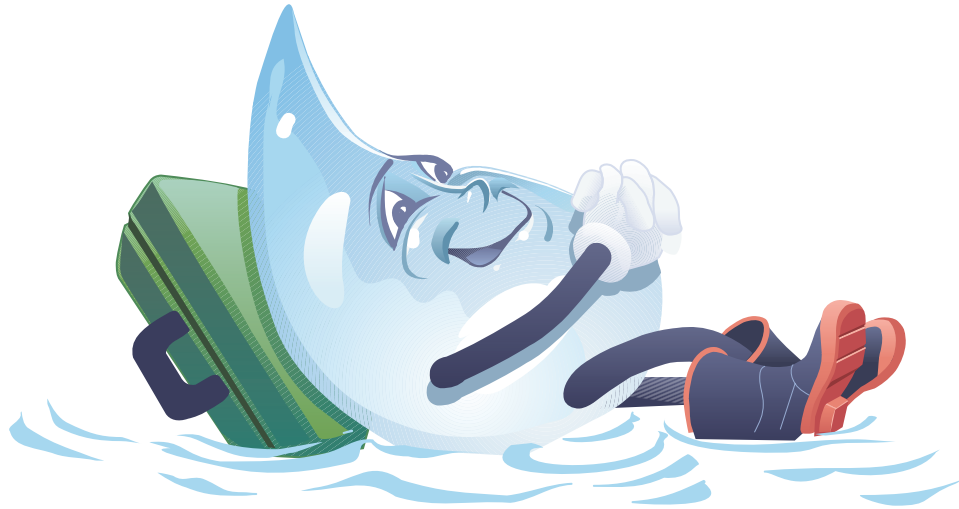


At last! Home sweet home. Galveston Bay.

After leaving the bayou and passing through the Port of Houston, Raindy the Raindrop now belongs to the State of Texas.

It takes lots of work from lots of people in lots of towns to get the rain from your house and your street out to sea.

When we all work together, Raindy and his friends have a great trip!



Raindy the Raindrop says:

"Stay away from flooded ditches and bayous!"

"Never play in floodwater."

"Turn around. Don't Drown! Tell your parents to NEVER drive in a flooded street."

"If it floods and your family is home, STAY at home!"

And most important:

"Always have a Family Flood Plan, and BE PREPARED!"



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FLOOD FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

The Harris County Flood Control District
was created in 1937.



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DID YOU KNOW?

You can be knocked off your feet
in just a few inches of floodwater.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Harris County has over 2,500 miles of bayous, creeks, streams and ditches.

That's about the distance across America!



FLOOD FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

The area you live in is also known as a watershed.
Rain that falls in your area (or watershed) moves through your area, until it's time to move out to sea.

There are 22 watersheds in Harris County.



FLOOD FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Just one inch of water can cause lots of damage to your home!



FLOOD FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

A whole car can be carried away in just two feet of water.

Tell your parents to NEVER drive in a flooded street!



FLOOD FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Tropical Storm Allison caused Harris County more damage than any storm in U.S. history.

It caused over \$5 billion
(\$5,000,000,000)
in flood damages!



FLOOD FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the world.

