

# News

## Destin Water Users gets low interest water loan

DESTIN – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) awarded a \$3.3 million low-interest loan to Destin Water Users, Inc. for drinking water system improvements. The loan, part of DEP's Drink-

ing Water State Revolving Fund Program, is the latest installment in an \$8.7 million project to improve water supply infrastructure by constructing water storage and transmission facilities for the Destin Water Users

service area. The Drinking Water SRF was established in 1998 to provide low-interest financing to plan, design and build public water systems. Funds can be used to rehabilitate existing facilities, replace water lines or

equipment, expand drinking water systems and water storage and improve treatment. Funded by federal capitalization grants, state matching funds, loan repayments and interest earnings, SRF loans are

offered at interest rates as low as 40 percent below current market rates. Repayments from earlier loans are used to make new loans, allowing the program to operate in perpetuity.

## The choice between a Yankee and a Southern man

The age-old battle, between good and evil, light and dark, sweet and sexy has moved into my world. Should I choose a Yankee man or a Southern gentleman?

I have had a certain New Yorker on the back burner for the past five years. During that time he moved forward multiple times. In that time we have come to know each other more, more so than any of my other relationships. Even so, our careers, his as a stockbroker, mine as a budding journalist, has kept us apart. Still, I talk to him every-day. We are on a family plan for our cell phones. Many of the conversa-

tions are about our future. Owning our own restaurant, raising kids, walking down the aisle and growing old together. We both realize that we can't be together now. But the hope of our future keeps us close. I didn't mean to meet someone in Destin. However, my former neighbor, an Atlanta native, snatched slices of my heart. When he lived across the parking lot, we spent most days and nights together. About a month ago, he moved back to Atlanta for a job at a computer software company. Since then, we have also stayed close. Conversations aren't exactly the

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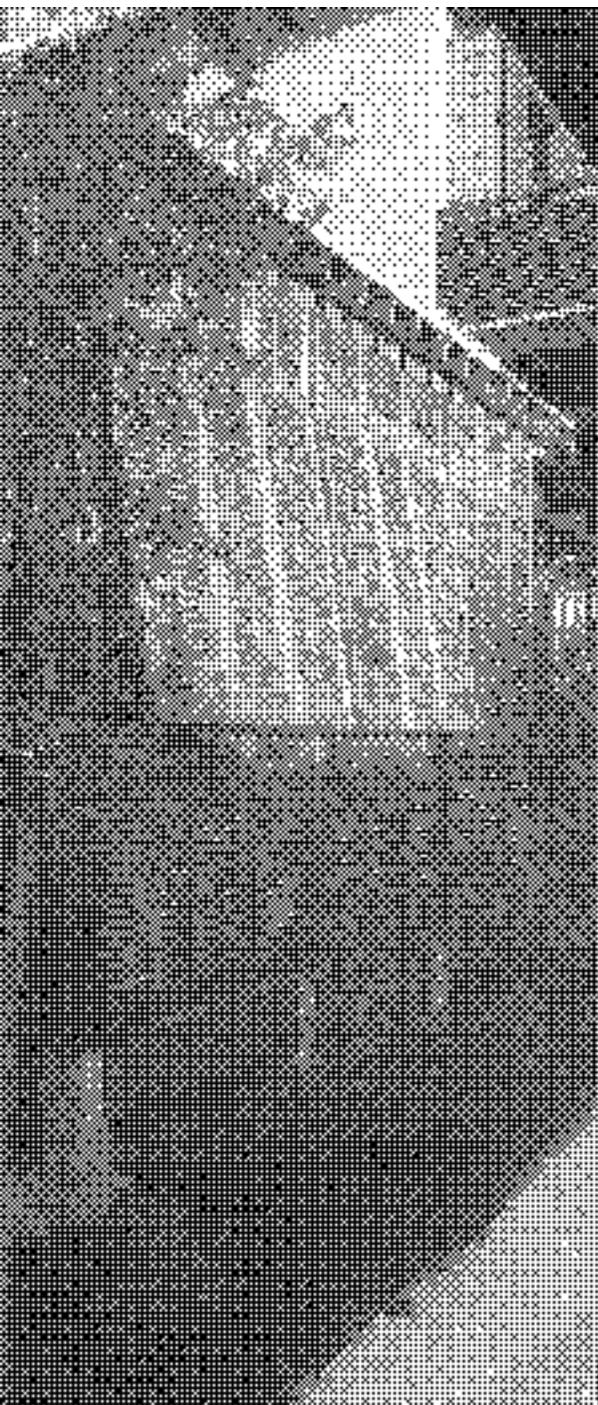
By Pasha Carroll

same, but sometimes they come close. Often we speak about our futures and our compatibility. Cory and Matt are on different scales, there is no doubt. For now, I don't have to choose. I can talk to each of them at their scheduled times. I am taking my grandmother's advice, "there is safety in numbers."

Someday though, I will make a choice. Choose between cream cheese or butter, XM or Sirius satellite radio, the North or the South. And since I am a native Yankee, and my love for Cory runs deep, I fear Matt might lose. After all, his cell phone plan only covers the Southeast. I need a man who is willing to take on the world, and more significantly, New York City. Matt says he would, but I can't tell if it is the truth. An open-minded man is an essential. So while they both are at bay, their tug of war with my heart continues, without them ever knowing. Some of you may wonder

how I can write about these guys and not fear the double long distance relationship game will be discovered. Well, men of the North, South, East and West, take note. I can only do this because neither one of them cares enough to read what I write. So I guess the moral of this story is, if men paid attention to their love-interest's career, they would know what or more importantly who, is important in my life. Pasha Carroll is a staff reporter at The Walton Sun. Her column appears the fourth Saturday of each month. She can be reached at 267-4555 or pasha\_carroll@link.freedom.com.

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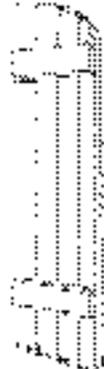
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