



They'd all recently gone on a double date.

"So we went to the Publix and started doing some general lifestyle photography. I had the guys in the flower section giving the girls bouquets. Then we went over to the produce section, and I photographed them checking out the apples. It wasn't 10 minutes before a manager came over and asked what we were doing. At this point, the girls were playing with the produce, so it didn't look so good to the manager. I told him we were there to do a lifestyle shoot for *FSView*. Only later did I learn that's *not* what you say when you're working as a photojournalist.

"Well, that manager said he needed to call the general man-

ager. The general manager said he wasn't sure we should be doing the shoot, and he wanted to call headquarters for a ruling. He added that he might need to take my film.

"I said, 'Okay, guys, let's finish this up outside,' and we got out of there as quickly as possible. The two managers followed us out and then let us go. We managed to get a last shot of the two couples walking out of the Publix together. That's the shot that ran in the paper.

"That was in the summer of 2000. Last April I was a bridesmaid in the wedding of Dawn and Bret. I guess the 'Pick-me-up Publix' worked its magic, even though the couple didn't actually meet there." ■

*To see more images by Liana Lehman, who's moved on from the Pick-me-up Publix to high-end weddings, check out [www.lianalehman.com](http://www.lianalehman.com).*

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## Photographic evidence that one grocery store in Tallahassee, Fla., deserves its reputation for matching singles

When I was in college at Florida State, I used to shoot for *FSView*, the independent biweekly newspaper," says Liana Lehman, an Atlanta-based wedding and fashion photographer. "I had this fun little assignment that got me chased out of a grocery store, but it has a nice round-about ending.

"While I was in school, *Playboy* did an article where they rated the top pickup spots in the nation. Two sites in Tallahassee made the list of best places to meet your future spouse: FSU's

Strozier Library and the Publix grocery store at the intersection of Pensacola and Ocala.

"Everyone called that grocery store the 'Pick-me-up Publix.' I had guy friends who swore they couldn't go there without getting three girls' phone numbers. Well, *FSView* decided to do a story on it, and they sent me down there to do a lifestyle shoot.

"I decided to stage a shoot with my two roommates, Molly and Dawn, and the guys they had just started dating. Molly had been on a couple dates with one of the guys, and the two of them set up Dawn with the other guy, Bret.