

Monte Donaldson and Colleen Whorley

After a vacation with relatives, Monte Donaldson and Colleen Whorley decided to stay in Mexico -- until Monday.

Donaldson, 31, a free-lance landscaper and disc jockey, and Whorley, 34, an art director at Microsoft Corp., had just bought a Seattle home and planned to get married in September.

"They were real complementary," said friend Adam Suhl, 32. "I remember one time (Colleen) told me that as different as they were, that (Monte) was as close to being her as she had found.

"They were working hard, trying to make it," Suhl said. "They had a lot of hopes."