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WEDDING PLANNING

A groom's perspective

"Planning our wedding together did bring us closer," said David Raabe, the Web master for Hersam-Acorn newspapers, who married Allison Wagner, a first-grade teacher at Hindley School in Darien, on July 18 in Springfield, Mass. "That's not to say we didn't find the process stressful at times," he admits, "but that is par for the course, and if things got difficult, we simply stepped away and came back to the problem."

His advice to other prospective grooms? "Your fiancée might seem like she wants to do everything, but she probably wants to have conversations about the wedding, have a show of support and involvement, and not get a 'yes dear' response. I feel planning our wedding together was the beginning of our partnership."

After the wedding, Allie and Dave headed for their honeymoon at the [Aventura Spa Palace](#) in the Cancun region, known as the Mayan Riviera. Since it's for adults only, Dave observed, "there were two distinct age groups — newly wed or newly retired."

