



The long and the short of it

THE KATHLEEN SIMIS & WARD TUTTLE WEDDING

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*K*athleen Simis and Ward Tuttle had a lot going on before they found time to get married.

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Kathleen, 39 and Ward, 44, met in 2004. The University of California, Berkeley grads, worked for the same company in Palo Alto, Calif. Ward is a chemical engineer and Kathleen is a medical regulatory writer.

“First of all, there was the fact that when we met we

were engaged — to other people,” Kathleen said. It goes without saying, but here it is anyway; neither of those engagements worked out.

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“Ward and I started dating kind of accidentally. We both went skiing on weekends. We were friends first then realized we had a lot in common. We started doing more things together and then became an exclusive twosome.

It happened very, very quickly.

Ward got an engagement ring and was planning some kind of surprise proposal. But being a typical engineer, not completing his task was not his style.

“One afternoon we were strolling around downtown Palo Alto. He suddenly led me over to the park, got down on one knee and asked me to marry him. It was perfect,” Kathleen said.

A 10-year engagement followed. “We just couldn’t find time to plan a wedding.

“We’ve been through all kinds of things together: a recession, job changes, moves and of course, in the positive column, having our two kids.” she added.