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Spend the big bucks on what counts the most
 By Lisa Bergagnoli
 Thanks to the Trista Rehn and 70 million to spend most brides and grooms in a much more list. The concept is possible, given the essentials to plan. We were say that not to receive the same "I like beautiful save money on it times," said Joyce ding consultant to found that hiring on a budget don't if Here are tips that pacts on what you and what they can without compromise.

First, the splurges:
Food: "It's the pr the event, and not case for people," a tering director at it in Chicago.
 But in the most splurges are not all. A all-dress dinner splurge, but it's a rive than a buffet, c their Babin, Fla. a tant and author.

By Barbara Bu
 Wedding ex- strict formula, spend years, so pay for most of your they saved. The groom's much less exp were wealthier the bride's too. Flowers, the ca the rehearsal noon, acce dit track each com. But times, i Nowadays who bill, almost are. Barbara and chesler paid the Jennie, 34, a their Grand fa last fall. Altho pharmaciste to host the wed "the's our."

And the bill goes to...
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FLOWERS FALL UNDER THE MEMORIES category, and they're worth a splurge, said Casey Cooper, owner of Botanicals Inc., a floral design studio in Chicago. "The bride should have exactly what she wants," Cooper said, and bridesmaids should too because the look of the wedding party sets the tone for the entire affair. 🍃