**Weddings**

**One priest says to the other: “I'm exhausted! I just performed a wedding for two lawyers, and they wrote their own vows!” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**Last year, approximately 13,000 weddings in America cost $1 million or more, according to the consulting firm Think Splendid. The average wedding costs $30,000. (The Atlantic, as it appeared in The Week magazine July 7 / July 14, 2023)**

**During my brother's wedding, my mother had managed to keep from crying – until she glanced at my grandparents. My grandmother had reached over to my grandfather's wheelchair and gently touched his hand. That was all it took to start my mother's tears flowing. After the wedding, Mom went over to my grandmother and told her how that tender gesture triggered her outburst. "Well, I'm sorry to ruin your moment," Grandmother replied. "But I was just checking to see if he was awake." *(Mark Sample, in Reader's Digest)***

**The Catholic Church did not require a priest to be at weddings until 1563. (Don Voorhees, in The Essential Book of Useless Information, p. 126)**

[**Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis married his wife, Casey, at Disney World in 2009. The couple exchanged vows at a pavilion overlooking Cinderella's Castle and the Seven Seas Lagoon, which DeSantis recently admitted was "ironic," given his ongoing battle with Disney. *(Yahoo! News, as it appeared in The Week magazine, May 12, 2023)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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**The tradition of wearing a wedding ring on the fourth finger of the left-hand stems from the ancient Egyptian belief that a love vein existed in that finger and went straight to the heart. *(The Daily Chronicles)***

**Women wear engagement and wedding rings on the third finger of the left hand (not counting the thumb), because an ancient belief held that a delicate nerve runs directly from that finger to the heart. *(Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 21)***

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**Officers of the Salvation Army can only marry other officers of the Army.(Don Voorhees, in The Essential Book of Useless Information, p. 126)**

**When a tornado approached during a couple’s wedding in Portales, New Mexico, their photographer seized the moment for some striking shots. “We said our vows and then (the weather) just switched,” said bride Daynnely Carrillo. Photographer Chesnea Clemmons decided the twister did not pose an imminent danger. “I yelled, ‘Let’s get this picture taken, it’s one of a kind,’” Clemmons said. “Nothing says ‘for better or worse’ like saying I do with Mother Nature throwing down in the background.” (The Week magazine, June 20, 2025)**

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