

## CLOWN CAN'T LAUGH OVER WEDDING GAFFE

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July 18, 2003 -- It was the tears of a clown — and his fiancée.

Greg "The Wizard of Odd" McMahan and gal pal Abbie Pair's dream of tying the knot during a Brooklyn big-top performance yesterday was dashed because of a marriage license snafu — they didn't have acceptable second forms of ID.

"It's very disappointing because we had planned this wedding for weeks," lamented McMahan, the advance clown for The Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers Circus of Florida.

"We're upset it wasn't able to work out."

The Atlanta couple, well aware of the 24-hour waiting period required by New York state after a license is issued, walked into the town clerk's office in Babylon, L.I., at about 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Because of scheduling, the only performance that could accommodate their wedding wishes was the 10:30 a.m. show in Marine Park.

But it was no laughing matter when they learned that the town required a second form of ID — such as a birth certificate — and neither of them had it.

"There are no exceptions," said Town of Babylon spokeswoman Debbie Pfifer.

"You must have two forms of identification."

The couple had planned to wed in the center ring, with an elephant serving as the ring bearer.

"It's frustrating and disappointing, but we're trying to make the best of the situation," McMahan said.

Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers, which boasts of being "The World's Largest Circus Under the Big Top," is in the midst of an eight-month, 110-city tour across the eastern United States.

As its advance clown, McMahan travels to cities a week before the circus arrives to do promotional performances.

### NO-RING CIRCUS:

Abbie Pair's plans to wed clown Greg McMahan under the big top in Brooklyn were dashed by their marriage-license blunder. Bruce Cotler

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