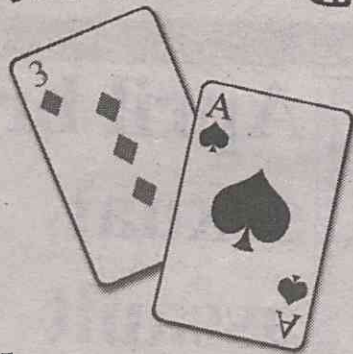


Believe it or not, Elon home to magician Daniel Marin

Daniel Marin



Black Box Theater
April 7
5:30 & 8 p.m.

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Reporter

Experience heart-pounding illusions and astounding magic tricks by Elon's own Daniel Marin in "Believe - An Intimate Night of Magic." The one-man performance is to be held at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on April 7 at the Black Box Theater.

The show itself is broken into two parts, both of which will be about 30 minutes long, with a five-minute intermission. The first half of the show is stage magic and will feature a theatrical routine as he performs trick after trick. Marin will then get more personal with close-up magic by interacting with audience members in the second part of his act. "One of the things I want to bring to the audience is a sense of real

magic," Marin said. "Partly because I hate most stereotypes following magicians today."

Marin, a junior at Elon, is a fine arts major with an emphasis on acting. He was born in Costa Rica and has lived in numerous parts of the world. Marin said he has always enjoyed watching magicians perform, but his first inspiring memory was a David Blaine television special.

Marin first took lessons from Jorge Larrabure, a Peruvian magician, during the summer of 2003. "My parents would host parties simply so I could perform my magic," he said. He has performed several shows, including one for the president of the Peruvian court system. "I have performed magic in four languages in many countries

and there isn't a trip I take without a few decks in my bag," Marin said.

Magician Jeff McBride inspired Marin at the early stages of his life and his favorite magician is Jay Sankey. "Of the most popular magicians, I like Houdini's view on audience enticement," Marin said. "I also enjoy watching Lance Burton."

Marin's magic has been seen extensively throughout Elon's campus. He has done several events around campus and enjoys performing magic tricks whenever and wherever. "I always carry a deck of cards in my pocket," Marin said.

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BREAKING THROUGH THE Bubble

Pope's funeral set for Friday

Pope John Paul II's funeral will be held Friday morning, and he will be buried in the grotto of St. Peter's Basilica where pontiffs throughout the ages have been laid to rest, the Vatican said. Heads of state from around the world are expected to attend the funeral including President Bush and first lady Laura Bush. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls made the funeral announcement after the College of Cardinals met for two and a half hours in its first gathering since the pope's death and ahead of a secret vote later this month to elect John Paul's successor. There had been speculation that the pope might have left orders to be buried in his native Poland, but Navarro-Valls said John Paul "did not show any such wish." The pope's body has been lying in state in St. Peter's Basilica for public viewing. Viewing hours are day and night until the funeral, with the Basilica closed only from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. to allow for cleaning.

New Jersey declares state of emergency

The Statehouse and several nearby state offices and buildings were closed earlier this week because of flooding along the Delaware River that forced thousands of people from their homes. The floods, caused by heavy rains that soaked the state for most of last weekend, were expected to worsen in many central and northern areas, as swollen rivers and waterways continued to rise. Dozens of cars were covered by water in many areas and some homes were damaged, but no injuries or major problems were reported early Monday. Acting Gov. Richard Codey declared a state of emergency as the rains and high winds took their toll on rivers and streams around the state.

Bush awards first Medal of Honor for Iraq duty

On Monday, exactly two years after Paul Ray Smith's death, President Bush will award Smith the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor. His widow, Brigit, decided that the couple's 11-year-old son, David, will accept the medal on his father's behalf. Smith, who was

33 when he died, was the senior sergeant in a platoon of engineers during the 3rd Infantry Division's northward sprint toward Baghdad. Smith is credited with protecting the lives of scores of lightly armed American soldiers who were beyond his position in the battle, on April 4, 2003, near the gates of Baghdad International Airport. It is only the third Medal of Honor given for actions since the Vietnam War, and the first from the Iraq war.

Charles and Camilla delay wedding

Prince Charles' office said that his wedding to Camilla Parker Bowles will be moved to Saturday so that it does not conflict with the funeral for Pope John Paul II. Charles will attend Friday's funeral in Rome, the prince's Clarence House office added. Charles also cut short his Swiss skiing holiday to attend a memorial service for the pope in London later Monday, his office added. Parker Bowles also planned to attend the service at Westminster Cathedral, it said. Speaking before the Vatican confirmed the funeral would be held on Friday, Charles' office had said the wedding was still scheduled for then.

North Atlantic right whales see baby boom

A baby boom has given a lift to the endangered North Atlantic right whale, with a near-record number of births in the just-ended calving season, according to researchers at the New England Aquarium. Twenty-seven whales were born during the season that started in mid-December and ended last Thursday, second only to the 31 births recorded in 2001, the best year since scientists started tracking births in the early 1990s. Just five years ago, there was only one birth. Still the newborns face significant obstacles before they can help the population rebound, said Lisa Conger, a senior biologist at the New England Aquarium who tracks the whales. First, they must survive their migration from the calving grounds off the coasts of Florida and southern Georgia — where airplanes were used to count and photograph them.