uban-Americans Protest Elian Raid

Federal agents took the Cuban boy from his family in Miami early Saturday, spurring nationwide debate.

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MIAMI - Easter - one of the holiest of days in Little Havana and the rest of the Christian world – found Marta Rodriguez praying for a little boy she knows only from a distance but, like many, calls by his first name.

"Pobre Elian," the 71-year-old Cuban "immigrant said after Mass at St. John Bosco Church, where Elian's great-uncle

and cousins have attended services. "He should never have been treated this way," she said in a grandmotherly tone. "My heart is broken."

So it was for many Miami Cubans Abeginning life without the 6-year-old boy reunited with his Washington after a swift and stunning reunited with his father in pre-dawn Saturday raid by federal

For the first time in five months, Elian was gone from Miami.

And it was mostly quiet in Little Havana, which had been the site of weeks of protests for the first time in days.

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At the home of the boy's Miami relatives, a place once so overrun with journalists and protesters that it was dubbed Camp Elian, bystanders dressed in their Sunday best stopped briefly to look. A bouquet of flowers was stuffed into the chain-link gate used by the agents a day earlier.

There was a brief skirmish Sunday afternoon when two young women car-ried signs supporting Attorney General Janet Reno's order to raid. "Not here! Not here!" the protesters

yelled, trying to hit one of the women and pulling her hair as she was escorted away by security guards.

During protests that lasted into Sunday morning, police clad in riot gear arrested more than 350 people and cleared away thousands more demonstrators from Little Havana. Protesters set more than 200 fires, burning mostly tires and trash, but there were few seri ous injuries

At St. Michael the Archangel Church, another Roman Catholic church in Little Havana, parishioners held radios to their ears as Spanish-language radio buzzed with talk of a strike Tuesday. If the idea catches on - there are 800,000 Cuban Americans in the area - it could shut down much of Miami.

Postal worker Nick Perez Caurel listened to the announcements from his

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home a few miles away and vowed to

take part. "I haven't missed a day of work in six years. But in my own peaceful way, I will show my feelings," said Perez Caurel, whose parents sent him from Cuba to the United States in 1962 when he was 12 years old. The former Boy Scout and Vietnam

veteran also showed his displeasure Saturday when he came home from work, pulled an American flag from his hallway closet and hung it upside down in his front yard with a black scarf pinned to it.

"We've always hung that flag proudly – on the Fourth of July, days like that," said his wife, Rosi Perez Caurel. Now, Rosi, also

grant, says she's not feeling particu-

"There is a saying in Spanish, 'Te mastican pero no te tragan' – they chew you, but they don't swallow," she said.

Neighborhood residents have photo-

agent with his hand extended to grab a crying Elian. Some versions replaced the faces of federal agents with those of Reno, who gave the go-ahead for the raid, and Cuban President Fidel Castro.

A poster-sized reproduction attached the Gonzalez family's front door included this label: "Federal Child Abuse. Not everyone in Little Havana was

upset

"I'm in agreement that his father is his only family," said 77-year-old Virginia Escalona, pausing before adding, "Well, his Elian. grandmothers,

> As she stood outside on her apartment stair

had been all but squelched in the neigh-

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- AT&T Leaders in 4 p.m. Networking Series presents via satellite feed **"Networking in the New E-con**omy," a free public lecture by Rick Roscitt, president of AT&T Business Services

lecture from the Engineering Graduate Research Center Auditorium on the State University Centennial

The lecture will also be available through www.ncsu.edu.

1:45 p.m. - UNC's International

This week in 1950, budget cuts in the 1950-51 student legislature put the publication of six issues of The Daily Tar Heel in limbo. The Publications Board was forced to either remove or subsidize features from the newspaper. 25 Years Ago:

This week in 1975, 450 students gathered in the Pit to protest a proposed tuition increase. The increase called for a \$200 boost for in-state and a \$300 increase for out-of-state students. Student Aid Director William Greer told students the increase could result in a change in the caliber of UNC students. 10 Years Ago:

This Week in Tar Heel History ...

This week in 1990, instead of donating to athletics, the Educational Foundation, or the Rams Club, contributed \$50,000 to the UNC Library System. The donation replaced lost state funds and allowed the library to hire more students so it could operate on a full schedule during exams and breaks.

Campus Calendar

50 Years Ago:

Matinees for social studies students in Triangle middle and high schools will be

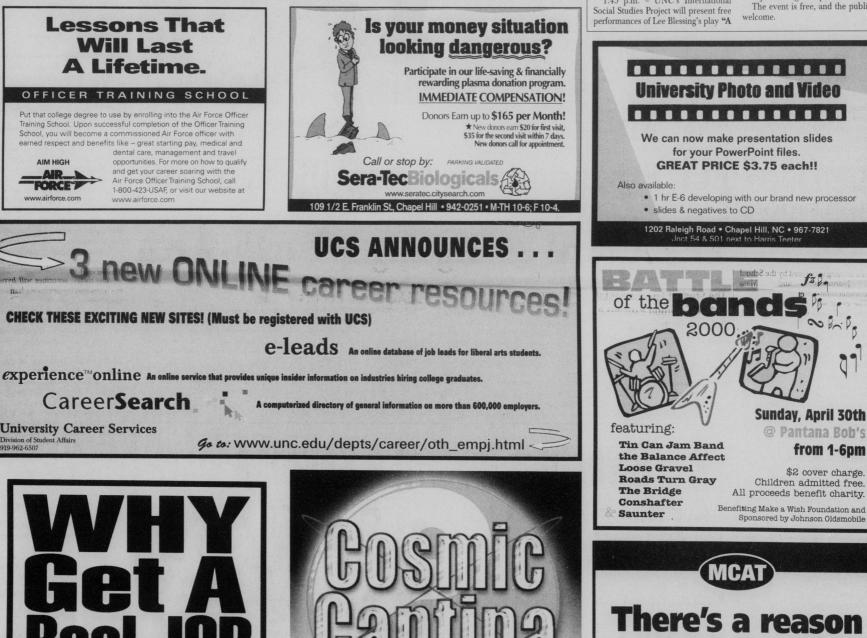
held April 27 and 28. A public performance will be held April 28.

Walk in the Woods."

All performances will be at the Durham School of the Arts. For more information, call Paul

5 p.m. - Representatives of a writing workshop comprised of UNC graduates and graduate students will read original poetry and prose at the Bull's Head

This year's readers include Rebecca Morphis, Tara Powell and Amy Weldon.



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71-YEAR-OLD CUBAN IMMIGRANT At the Miami Relatives' Church

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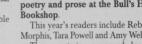
"Are you crazy?" Escalona's husband "You don't have to talk to the

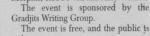
"I say what I like," she said. "This is

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