Al-Qaida blamed for Saudi attack
Anger at royals likely motive
BY DONNA ABU-NASR

DUBAI, Saudi Arabia—Suicide bombers killed 35 people Monday in a series of bombings that included a huge truck explosion in the heart of the city, an official said. It was the worst terrorist attack here in nearly a decade.

The blast, set off from a public transportation station, killed at least two others, including a woman and a child. At least 17 people, including six children, were killed in the crossing accident, and another 12 died later in a hospital.

The attack was the first since a 1995 bombing in the area that killed 41 people, including children and women. The 2004 attack was also claimed by a militant group, the Al-Ittihad al-Islami.

As the crisis unfolded, the Saudi government said it will not use force to bring about peace, but will instead pursue a peaceful settlement.

 attentiveness in the region, and is also being watched closely by other countries in the region, including the United States and Israel.

Several states cast aside presidential primaries
Five have canceled votes to save money
BY ROBERT TANNER

Several states have moved to drop their presidential primaries to save money, a trend that has been gaining momentum as the economy continues to stuggle.

The trend began in the spring of 2004, when the Democratic National Convention was held in Boston, and the Democratic Party was struggling to raise money.

Several states have canceled their primaries, including Florida, Georgia, and New York. In Florida, the primary was canceled to save $25 million.

New York state also canceled its primary, citing the need to cut costs and avoid a potential legal battle.

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Hispanics worried about the town’s future. They had moved here after dange-
rous fires across the border or from jobs in big cities where they’d lived in poor, crime-
ridden neighborhoods. Many felt in Beaverton, they’d found not just a job, but a place in the United States they could call home.

They weren’t bunched into ghettos, as they had been in other cities. They had some bought houses on the town’s tree-
farms or in the new suburban developments raising their children. They appreciated the low city taxes and the public safety that were provided without the “puritanism” they saw used to be in Maine.

The good-people-of-Beaverton-re-

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to the Pacific coast state of California

They knew their children, who were their citizens,” said Chavez, 50, who moved to Beaverton in 1969 and works with the school system’s bilingual

Like other Hispanics, Chavez believed a mix of Angles and Hispanics made Beav-

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"We had to change the way we worked."

Hispanic children in Beardstown grew up celebrating the Fourth of July as well as Mexican Independence Day Eddie Bernal Jr. runs across a friend's yard with a smoke bong before attending the town's July 4 fireworks display with his friends. He's going to college after he graduates in May.

It's certain that if he stayed in ESL classes, he would have found the same barriers as several of his classmates. "I know some real smart people who stayed in ESL," said Fornas. "That's not fair." The

For Hispanic parents who worked their growing jobs in extreme heat and cold, and hard and field work, Beardstown's schools offered their children a way out of a life of manual labor. As the immigrants who came to America before them, Hispanic mothers and fathers wanted their children to become professionals. For them, having children who ended up getting most of the least represented jobs would be a disappointment.

But the schools' system wasn't prepared for modern-day Hispanic students, the first Hispanic student to graduate from Beardstown High's ESL program.

When Ernesto arrived in Beardstown, she didn't speak English, so an interpreter accompanied her most of her classes. Her goal was to get her master's degree and become a Spanish teacher. But after she graduated in 1996, her English skills were so poor that she couldn't even get into the local community college.

As a 4th grader, she learned just a few words in her new language, and by 4 th grade was getting a bad reputation for her language skills. "I didn't come out of high school with good English. I came out with enough English to survive," said Fornas.

Fornas, one of Beardstown's ESL teachers and former coordinator of the bilingual program, said the arrest of Hispanic children put a huge burden on the school system.

"One 15-year-old Mexican boy who had been selling flowers on the streets of TJ was arrested with second-grade emotions. Another Hispanic came from the Mexican countryside, where he had been working. His hands were covered in soil. He was surprised when he couldn't figure out how to get to school," Fornas said.

"You're just doing the best you can. Parents don't understand that we can't just go out and pick up bilingual teachers. They do it in Chicago. They do it in San Francisco. We have to come here?" She's frustrated because she hasn't been able to solve the problems of bilingual education.

"As glad as I am that these people are here, they have to understand how hard it is to put a school system together when you have problems like that. It's like a good program," said Fornas. "They think this school is going to be a Mexican school, no, it's not. It's going to be an Anglos immersion program.

Hispanic parents said that's just a press room to keep their children separate from Anglo students. They were surprised to find out that their children were getting involved in their children's education and suggested they might not understand educators' reasons for keeping their children in ESL classes.

For Hispanic parents, "it's a status symbol to be able to speak English," she said. "It's like being part of a new ethnic group from the Anglo society."

"We had to change the way we worked. We had to fight right to the final step to get the resources we think we're entitled to," said Delorto, principal of Grand and Washington kindergartens. "We've been challenged. She can't say about yourself," Delorto said. "We can say, "Well, she only went to the San Fernando Valley, came to Beardstown after she married her husband, who is from an established local family. When she ar- rived in 1963, she found a teacher's post that seemed disconnected from the rest of the world. The local grocery store didn't stock the kind of food she needed to feed her favorite meals, so she abandoned her retired teacher colleagues.

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