

## NEWS ROUNDUP

### SAN ANTONIO

#### Third suspect in '97 killing arrested

The third and final suspect in a slaying that took place more than a dozen years ago was arrested Thursday, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office said.

Authorities said Gilbert Cardenas, 46, was arrested in the 1800 block of Sacramento Street, between West and Brad avenues, and was charged in connection with the 1997 killing of Conrad Arredondo, 36. Cardenas was jailed on \$100,000 bail.

He joins Joe Casas, 33, and Alfred Deleon, 45, both of whom surrendered to police earlier this month and also were charged with murder.

Authorities said Arredondo was found beaten and stabbed to death in west Bexar County.

Arrest warrant affidavits state the four men were in Cardenas' green Ford Taurus when Casas and Arredondo began arguing in the back seat. At one point, Deleon reportedly looked in the back seat and saw Casas pull out a knife and stab Arredondo repeatedly, the affidavits state.

#### Fox Tech students walk out in protest

Dozens of students walked out of Fox Tech High School around 1:30 p.m. Friday to protest proposed changes to the San Antonio Independent School District campus.

Rainfall quickly prompted many students to retreat back into the school, district spokeswoman Leslie Price said.

Earlier this year, the district announced plans to end the school's long-running Chili Bowl football tournament and convert the



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