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five-night stint at Rivercenter Comedy Club through Sunday, Nov. 29. James Ponce and Riojas open. Tickets cost \$29. Call (210) 22 or visit rivercentercomedyclub.com. — MR

Final Chili Bowl airing on cable

High school football fans can watch the final Chili Bowl free.

Whether you missed the big game or want to relive the fun. Time Warner Cable is airing the historic Nov. 7 game between rivals Fox Tech Buffaloes and Sidney Lanier Voks on its San Antonio On Demand digital channel 988. Cable customers can watch the game for unlimited viewings at no cost.

Fox Tech no longer will have a football program when its downtown campus transitions into a magnet school next year.

Time Warner's coverage includes the entire halftime show and Nov. 6 pep rallies held at each school.

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Ex-'Prison Break' star lands pilot

Puerto Rican actor Amaury Nolasco has signed on to do a pilot for the new A&E drama 'The Quickening.'

The former 'Prison Break' star will play a homicide detective opposite Radha Mitchell ('Melinda and Melinda') in the hour-long series, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Nolasco, 38, can be seen in the new action thriller 'Armored,' with Matt Dillon and Lawrence Fishburne. The film opens Friday, Dec. 4. — MR

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Belen Padilla sings with Mariachi Juvenil Halcon from Zapata, which won first place on the elementary/middle school category.

Mariachi winners

South Texas students receive musical awards

A San Marcos mariachi singer was the big winner at the 15th Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza.

Celeste Curiel, a student at Texas State University, was named the "Best Mariachi Vocalist in the U.S."

Other first-place winners include: Mariachi Juvenil de UTPA of University of Texas Pan American in the college/university category, Mariachi Cotuleño of Cotulla High School in the high school category, and Mariachi Juvenil Halcon of Zapata Middle School in the elementary/middle school category. San Antonio singer Angelica Vargas, of Canyon Ridge Elementary School, took first place in the elementary vocalist competition.

Each year, the festival names the best student mariachi performers with the top winners opening for the world-famous Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán. — MR