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#### **INSIDE:**

**2C** CELIA RIVENBARK: Science fairs aren't my parental cup of tea.

**2C DENTIST:** 1 in 5 kids don't get adequate annual dental care.

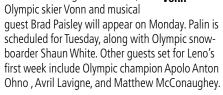
## **TOMORROW:**

### What's On

The slate of 2010 films has its fair share of sequels and remakes of beloved Reagan-era oldies.

### **NEWSMAKERS:**

**2C** GUEST LIST: Jay Leno will be reclaiming "The Tonight Show" with help from Sarah Palin, Lindsey Vonn and Jamie Foxx. They will be among Leno's guests next week when he returns as host of NBC's late-night show. Foxx,



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» More celebrity news inside, 2C

# Kids can audition

for 'Dragonsong'

**VERTICAL PLAN ON IT** 

» All-of-us Express Children's Theatre is holding auditions for its upcoming production of "Dragonsong." The theater is looking for 25 to

18; previous experience is not required. » Hannah Community Center,

35 youth ages 9 to

eastlansing.com/allofus » 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday

819 Abbot Road, East Lansing,

333-2580, ext. 32, www.cityof

### Festival will help Haitians in need

**NOTE IT** 

or www.ticketmaster.com.

» MIchigan State University will host a Haitian and Caribbean Festival on Friday, featuring

cultural per-

formances by student groups and Caribbean musical ensembles. All proceeds will go toward earthquake relief in Haiti.

» MSU Auditorium Building, corner of Auditorium Road and Farm Lane, East Lansing, www.msu.edu/

» 7 p.m. Friday, \$15, free for MSU students

#### Make your Web site address super scary

» www.shadyurl.com

**REAL 'COMPANION':** See "A Prairie Home Companion"

live at the Fox Theatre at 5:45 p.m. Saturday. Info: 484-5656

» We aren't sure what practical use ShadyURL has, but its premise — "Don't just shorten your URL, make it suspicious and frightening" — is hilarious. Turn, for example, www.facebook.com into http://5z8.info/pirateanything\_g2p8v\_ banned-in-the-US.

line » Just want to make Web site addresses shorter, not scarier? Check out www.tinyurl.com.

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# Whatever it is, it's here

**MUST SEE IT** 

**Winter Olympics** 

10 p.m. and midnight.

## 'IDOL Vs Olympics'

» Powered by Lindsey Vonn's dramatic victory on the slopes last 30.1 million total viewers during the 9-10 p.m. hour, pushing Fox's singing contest down to an unusually low 18.4 million,

million viewers watched Vancouver coverage Wednesday

# Wednesday, the games averaged

according to the Nielsen Co.

tion; it also includes the gold-medal finals for women's bobsled. There's also a lot of skiing, subject to weather — the women's giant slalom, the gold-medal finals for women's freestyle aerials. Then latenight brings women's speedskating, including the gold-medal finals for the short-track, 3,000-meter relay.

## **TELEVISION**

» Read Mike Hughes' musings and more at www.mikehughes.tv.

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# Dogs can tweet too

There, I said it. Now hurry

home." A frenzied run

through the backyard

might garner "I finally

caught that tail I've been

Mattel taps into social media craze with Puppy Tweets (SOrt of)

Andrea Chang MCT News Service

Twitter Inc. has gone to the dogs.

Tapping into the social media craze, toy giant Mattel Inc. is preparing to release Puppy Tweets, a high-tech toy that will allow dogs to publicize their everyday activities on Twitter via

a sound and motion sensor. Attached to a dog's collar, the plastic tag randomly generates one of 500 canned tweets when it detects barking

chasing, and ... OOUUUCHH!" But before you begin to drool over the prospect of or movement and automatically posts an uphaving your own Dug, the animated dog from Disney-Pixar's "Up" whose transdate to Fido's own Twitter page. lator collar allowed him to A round of woofing could lead to a

talk, Mattel executives cautweet of "I bark betion that the toy is just a cause I miss you.



#### **PUPPY TWEETS** \$29.99

» It's expected to hit toy stores and pet shops nationwide in the fall.

Unlike advanced pet gadgets such as GPS tracking collars that keep tabs on roaming cats, the technology behind Puppy Tweets is simply sending out random messages triggered by movement or sound.

So even though Fido's device may be tweeting about tracking a squirrel, he could actually be digging a hole or scratching himself. And that might be a letdown for people hoping for the real thing.

"I mean, really what SEE PUPPY | Page 5C