



## Lily finishes first marathon

Lily, 7, powered through the final mile, high-fived Ronald McDonald, and staggered over the finish line, completing her first marathon. That she covered other 25 miles, 385 yards over the prior six weeks Lily consider a minor detail.

"I'm exhausted," she said, then added, "Where are the goodie-bags?"



Lily, mouse facial tattoo.

Lily spent her allowance money and a substantial portion of her college fund on the removal of a tiger facial tattoo acquired in 2009. She replaced it with a mouse facial tattoo.

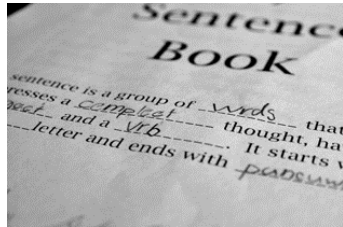
In addition to cumulative-marathoning, Lily has focused her spare time on figure skating. The elegant exploits of Kim Yu-Na in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics were one motivation; the immense cost of the endeavor also had an allure. She acquired new skates – sumptuous leather, blades of Sheffield steel – in the fall, estimated to be the priciest

## Oscar gets new bed



footwear the family has enjoyed for generations. As an early Christmas present, Santa brought a Züca bag, a steel-reinforced roller bag that exceeds National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 5-Star crash ratings. Its wheels light up blue and red when spinning, too.

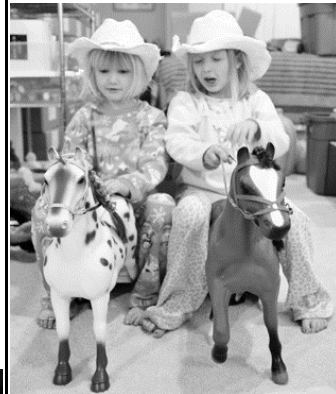
Now in second grade at Lowry elementary, Lily works toward the conquest of the three Rs, with a minor in medieval spelling.



Lily's shows mastery of Olde English words "wrds" and "vrb."

When not engaging in Polly Pockets or Zhu Zhu Pet-related disputes, Lily and her sister get along swimmingly.

## Girls flee on horseback



## Beacon resurrected

Beacon Media has announced the relaunch of the radically redesigned *Holiday Beacon*.

"We believe this new look and interactive rich-media approach will attract new generations of loyal readers," Beacon Media spokeswoman Maya Neff said.

## CAROL-COUGAR CHOOSES POORLY

Carol's initial forays into cougarism showed her predatory skills to be somewhat rusty.

Dressed in an unsubtle cougar-print, she lurked in a crowd and spotted what she believed to be a 20-something male of the sort cougars find tastiest.

But as she pounced, she realized the gravity of her error. Her quarry was nearly two decades past his prime, suffering from various nagging injuries, and, worse yet, someone with whom she had long been ensnared legally and, on occasion, emotionally.

"Hey," her not-completely startled prey said.

Carol thought fast.

"Um...did you remember if we sent the Denver Water bill?" she blurted out. "I don't want it to be ...late."

And with that, she slinked off to scout a more appealing morsel.

While not cougaring, Carol



Carol, her prey

continues to enjoy her work with building-materials manufacturer Johns Manville in downtown Denver.

At home, she spends much of her time cleaning up the mess her family makes in her absence. She takes great pleasure in drinking wine with her neighbors, all the mothers of young children with cougary thoughts. For exercise, there is Pilates, named after a Greek torturer.

## Girls dubious of new "playhouse"

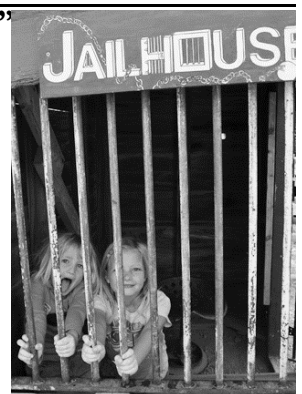
Following a spate of poor behavior on the part of Lily and Maya, their father brought home a new "playhouse" for the Neff backyard.

"Dad, that says 'Jailhouse.' I can read, you know," said Lily.

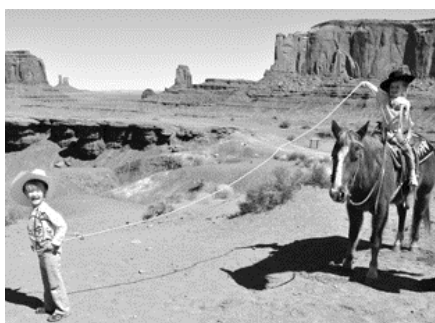
"Yeah Dad, it says 'Jailhouse,'" added Maya, despite her illiteracy.

"Yes, of course, darlings," Todd said. "Go right in that door."

They played in it for hours and hours.



## Lily ropes her a varmint



Lily (right), varmint.

While enjoying a casual mosey through Navajo country, Lily roped her a varmint.

The varmint, upon hearing the word "varmint" was said to respond: "Mint? Can I have a mint? I wuv mints!"

### MAYA'S EARLOBES PUNCTURED



Maya, punctured earlobe (inset)

Maya's earlobes were brutally punctured in an incident at Claire's at the Cherry Creek Mall.

Maya, for her part, seemed to welcome the prospect of marring her pristine earlobes. Lily had, at age six, suffered a similar puncturing, triggering a pained howling that persisted for six full weeks.

Carol, Lily and Maya were visiting Claire's to acquire ear-puncture covers for Lily when Maya sat in the torture-chair and announced, "I'm not weaving untiw my eaws awe piewced."

She withstood the

procedure with nary a tear, again demonstrating a freaky-high pain threshold that may some day serve her well in corporate America.



Maya, left, as Rudolph, taunts the Abominable Snow Monster while Lily, as Yukon Cornelius, prepares to smite the beast.

Maya is enjoying her last year of Montessori school, but is looking forward to starting kindergarten at Lowry Elementary next fall.

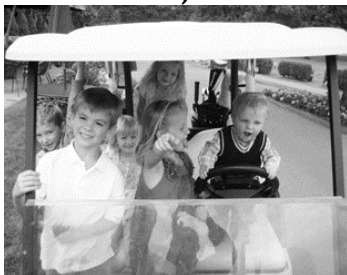
Maya wound up her skating career in December, playing the title role of Rudolph in a two-minute rendition of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" with skating partner Lily.

of children at the Dearborn Hills Country Club in July.

Witnesses say the suspect, who bore a striking resemblance to Hayes Ryan Brooks, 1, took the wheel, announced "Let's see if this baby can float!" and headed straight for a water hazard.

A Club Car spokesman later confirmed that golf carts indeed lack buoyancy.

### Golf cart hijacked



A diminutive maniac commandeered a golf cart full

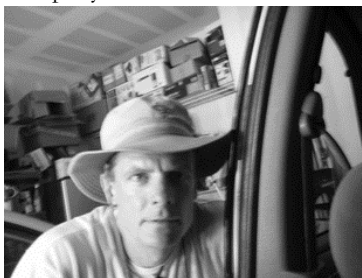
### Todd pulls muscles, publishes book

Contact sports and advancing age mix poorly, as Todd's improbable second soccer career continues to demonstrate.

Highlights of the past 12 months include a separated right shoulder, mysteriously damaged left shoulder and right wrist, and his first-ever gluteal strain, which healed roughly as quickly as uranium turns to lead.

"A lesser idiot would definitely have quit by now," he said.

Todd published *From Jars to the Stars: How Ball Came to Build a Comet-Hunting Machine* (available at Amazon and elsewhere) in November, launching publishing company Earthview Media as a



Todd, in the sole photo taken of him in 2010.

vehicle for marketing and distribution. Todd highly recommends this approach for those whose hobbies include box-packing and having no free time for hobbies.

### REMEMBER THE NEEDIEST!

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Ardell Neff, 1912-2010



Grandma Ardell in 1934

### TRAVEL REPORT

The Neffs' big 2010 trip involved a spring-break roundabout drive to Phoenix, Ariz., a desert city 4,900 miles from Denver.

Stops included Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Monument Valley, Ariz.; Flagstaff, Ariz.; Phoenix; and, on the way home, a stop off with the Eadies of Santa Fe. Oscar the Puggle experienced thin-walled motels for the first time and, being on constant alert, slept little.

In the summer, the family spent time in a YMCA camp near Winter Park, where they saw a moose and a mouse on the same hike. Driving on to Steamboat Springs, the girls became addicted to bungee trampolines and alpine slides.



Neff cousins/useful drink holders in Vail.

The Neffs of Park City met the Denver Neffs in Vail to watch a Lily summer skating competition and hold drinks on their heads.

