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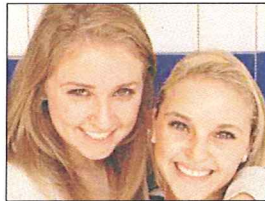
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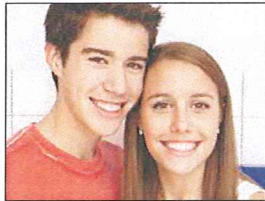
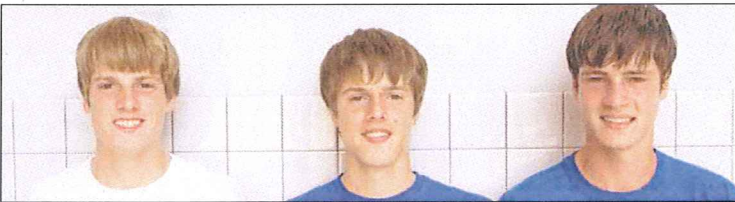
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# Difference makers change lives on a daily basis

In our community, we are surrounded by people who are making a difference on a regular basis.

It's people like the volunteers at the **Richardson Humane Society** who donate countless hours rescuing animals and finding them homes. It includes picking up animals, hosting weekly Adopt-A-Pet events and providing foster homes.

On Oct. 10, the non-profit organization will host their Ninth annual **Canine Classic** golf tournament at **Firewheel Golf Course** in Garland. Visit richardsonhumane.society.org for more information on the tournament or to see what pets are available for adoption in order to offer support to these difference makers.

Special thanks go to the **Richardson Kiwanis**, who are known around the community for the difference they have made for years in countless lives.

It's their programs like **Angel's T-Ball** that just kicked off the fall 2010 season. It is a league for kids with physical and cognitive challenges. Stop by the **Richardson YMCA** the first three Wednesdays in October at 6:30 p.m. to catch a game.

The Kiwanis also build wheelchair ramps the second and third Saturdays of each month to help low-income folks no longer be home bound. To find out how to



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support these and the group's other heart-warming programs, visit richardson.kiwanis.com.

What a difference reading, writing and speaking English can make. That's what more than 2,200 thankful residents will profess because of the wonderful volunteers at the **Richardson Adult Literacy Center** who are celebrating 20 years of helping others. September is Literacy Month. In celebration, on Tuesday the RALC is hosting a 20th anniversary party for past students, teachers, and supporters. To find out more on this event or about the organization, contact them at 972-644-5119.

Here's to these and all the difference makers in our community changing lives for the better. I want to highlight more in the future. E-mail me at ccoats@aol.com about folks making a difference.

*Chris Coats is a neighborsgo community columnist.*

## TWINS

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22. Most of the twins are thrilled and surprised to be world record holders, and most have attended RISD with the other twins since elementary school and did not even notice the anomaly in their grade.

"It is rather exciting and shocking how many twins there are in [my] grade," said Paxton Boyer, who has a twin sister, Madison. "I am excited to be a part of such an event."

### Not far behind

While no one can explain why the junior class has so many multiples, other grades at Pearce are not far behind. The freshman and sophomore classes both have seven sets of twins, and the seniors have six sets.

At Pearce, being a twin is almost normal. "I have been going to school with at least

### BY THE NUMBERS

**10**  
sets of twins who are juniors at Pearce

**1**  
set of triplets in the junior class

**492**  
students in the junior class

**31**  
multiples at Pearce

three sets of twins since kindergarten," said Dani Glazer, twin sister of Jackie. "It has been cool to watch the group get bigger."

*Ann Marie Shambaugh is editor of the Richardson/Lake Highlands/Far North Dallas edition of neighborsgo.*

## FACES OF THE MILITARY

# Pearce grad Miles Mathieu promoted in Air Force

### SUBMITTED STORY

Miles Mathieu, who entered active duty with the Air Force in 1995, was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel in a ceremony conducted by Brig. Gen. Jim Ferron.

Mathieu is the son of Mary Jane Mathieu of Richardson and a graduate of Pearce High School.

Mathieu earned a bachelor of science from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He also has earned a masters of science in management from Troy State University in 2003 and a masters of science in national security studies from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. in 2008 and is a certified defense financial manager.

After graduating from the Air Force

Academy, Lt. Col. Mathieu was assigned as the deputy budget officer at the 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.

In 1998, Mathieu was assigned as the financial analysis flight commander at the 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan, where he oversaw the base's \$134 million budget in support of two combat-ready F-16 squadrons.

Mathieu arrived at U.S. Central Command in 2009 and served in the J5's security cooperation division as the Iraq desk officer where, among other duties, he tracked efforts to establish a traditional security cooperation office within the U.S. Embassy-Baghdad. Most recently, he was appointed an executive officer on the J5 staff.

Mathieu and his wife, Audrey, have three children: Ainsley, Erickson and Kitty.

*Information for this story submitted by Mary Jane Mathieu.*



**Miles Mathieu**

## CAMPUS LIFE

# Chess players triumph again

By **KARAH HOSEK**  
Contributor

For the second time in two months, two University of Texas at Dallas chess team members have captured top rankings in a prominent tournament after squaring off against each other in the final round.

The two players were International Master Julio Sadorra and Grandmaster Alejandro Ramirez, and the tournament was the 76th Southwest Open, played in Corpus Christi over Labor Day weekend.

In a repeat of last month's U.S. Open, when they also met in the final round, the two played to a draw, leaving Ramirez with a finishing score of 5-1 and sharing first and second place with International Master

Max Cornejo of the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Sadorra, a sophomore psychology major, tied for third through fifth place with two other UTD team members — Grandmaster Cristian Chirila, a freshman international political economy major; and International Master Marko Zivanic, a computer science graduate student.

"While I ended up playing three of my team members in the Southwest Open, the most important game was against Grandmaster Cristian Chirila," said Ramirez, a graduate student in the School of Arts and Humanities' arts and technology program. "He is a freshman and new to our team this year. He is a grandmaster, so of course he is a strong player, and I was not familiar with his game."

UTD chess team members will next compete in the U.S. Class Championships from Oct. 1-3 in Houston.

*Karah Hosek contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of the University of Texas at Dallas.*



**Julio Sadorra**



**Alejandro Ramirez**