

BINGO!



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Jamie Nesbitt (left) helps Mary Arnold find the numbers on her bingo card Wednesday night at Carolina Meadows, a retirement facility in Chapel Hill. Nesbitt is a third-year pharmacy student at UNC and a member of Kappa Epsilon Professional Pharmacy Fraternity. She was assisting Arnold, a resident of Carolina Meadows, as part of a service project for her fraternity. "We really enjoy it," Nesbitt said of the fraternity's experience.

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relationship." Now that he's focusing on his music Lev said a large part of a typical day consists of e-mailing industry contacts and working on his Web site, www.jeremylev.com. "A day job would be distracting," said Lev, who is living off the money

he made working in a restaurant during the summer. "People aren't going to buy (the album) if they don't see me play."

And, of course, Lev is busy writing music and practicing his art. "Performing is the best," he said. Lev, who is looking for a bass player, said he likes any kind of show but prefers playing with a band. "Playing with a band, one, gives

my songs more energy, and, two, ensures less eyes are on me." On Tuesday it seemed the eyes watching his open mic performance were pretty impressed. "He's a funky, jazzy Cat Stevens for the 21st century," said emcee John Saylor, who has run the Cave's monthly open mic night for the past seven years. Patron Kenneth Hays said he

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She thinks the program — now boasting 1,100 members — attracts so many because of its rich conversation.

"People are standing in the halls and over the coffee pot and on the front porch talking about the ideas in their courses," she said. "It's like a salon."

UNC is missing out by not getting closer to retirement communities, Gully said.

The University's continuing education program, the Friday Center, tries to provide an eclectic mixture of courses for a variety of people, said Annette Madden, associate director for professional development and enrichment programs.

"While we don't have programs that are specifically geared towards retirees, our non-credit offerings are designed to meet a variety of interests," she said.

"We believe in the concept of lifelong learning, and we certainly promote that in the courses we offer."

Holt said he might be interested in taking courses through the Friday Center.

"I may take my transcript over there again," he said. "I've got plenty of time in my life yet."

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tem to combat issues that come up in the community," Reilly said.

He cited parents and law enforcement officials as two resources the district should tap into to aid its efforts.

District officials will also turn to law enforcement to assist their training.

Reilly said the staff training would be introductory — how to identify potential distinctions — and would focus on secondary schools.

Reilly said gang presence in the community should raise warning flags to officials.

"It's an issue that's close enough to home that we need to address it."

Gangs will not be the only safety-related issue discussed by the school board tonight — members also plan to address school security issues.

School board chairwoman Lisa Stuckey asked the district to provide an update on school safety measures discussed in the spring, said Stephanie Knott, assistant to the superintendent for community relations, in an e-mail.

District officials, East Chapel Hill High administrators and representatives from the Chapel Hill

Police Department met in April in response to a hostage situation at East earlier that month.

On April 24 William Barrett Foster held a teacher and a fellow student hostage with a rifle, a shotgun and a hunting knife. He has since been charged in the incident.

Knott said she contacted the principals of both high schools in the district about what changes they have made since last spring.

Superintendent Neil Pedersen will review and report the information to the school board at its meeting, she said.

Thaden said his school has made several modifications by way of an annual evaluation.

"We go over our school plan every year," he said.

This year the changes included adding security personnel, locking the building sooner and creating a process for keeping track of students' and teachers' activities after school.

Stuckey said the discussion was meant to solidify the board's policies on school safety as a whole.

"Overall we want to have all our policies in place."

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for legal services to veterans.

He said if the bills pass they should give veterans more legal representation during the whole appellate process.

But if the Young Lawyers Division's project works as planned, veterans won't have to wait for Congress to repeal any laws.

Matt Marvin, the communications director for the UNC School of Law, said students there could

benefit from the program.

"Our students are incredibly dedicated to public service," he said, adding that half the law school students participate in pro bono or public service work.

"There are certainly a lot of veterans coming back from Iraq right now that need assistance."

"Whether you're for the war or against it, when these people come home they deserve the help."

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