

## Poker tourney benefits Justice for Jeremy

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Imagine yourself with three other friends getting the VIP treatment at The Mirage in Las Vegas.

You start the night with a \$450 dinner for four at Stack Steakhouse in the world-famous resort and casino. Your next VIP treat is a no-waiting admission into The Mirage's JET and experience "the ultimate nightlife experience" that caters to a variety of entertainment tastes – rock, hip hop, the '80s – where a table for four is waiting for you with bottle service, with the whole thing valued at \$1,000.

Now, imagine this whole experience being topped by a one-night stay at The Mirage.

Well, you don't have to imagine this at all. The whole package could be yours if you win the grand prize being offered at the Sept. 11 Jeremy Lum Memorial Poker Tournament fund-raiser to be held at The Emory Hall in Manteca starting at 6:30 p.m.

This is more than just a fund-raiser thought. It is "in honor of our dear friend, Jeremy," said Nick Glogovac of Manteca.

"Jeremy loved the game of poker, so we thought, what better way to celebrate his life than with a huge 200-man poker tournament?" said Glogovac who was one of the closest friends of Lum, the 28-year-old philosophy graduate of University of California, Berkeley whose body was found July 12, floating in the San Joaquin River just west of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office three days after being released from the county jail, barefoot and without a car. Lum was also bipolar.

The two have been fast friends since their freshman year at Sierra High School. Their class of 1998 was the first to graduate from the brand-new Manteca Unified high school campus.

Twenty other big-ticket prizes, all donated by local businesses, will be donated to the Top 20 finishers. Glogovac, who is coordinating the event, said there will be no cash prizes. All proceeds will go to the memorial fund.

The \$30 buy-in charged per person will include sandwiches and snacks. There will be a full-service, cash-only bar as well. The tournament will end at midnight.

To reserve your spot, just send an e-mail to Glogovac at [nick.glogovac@hotmail.com](mailto:nick.glogovac@hotmail.com).

The Sept. 11 poker tournament will be held henceforth as an annual fund-raiser for the Jeremy Lum Memorial Fund. Proceeds will be used to help the Lum family's efforts to increase bipolar awareness through education and other means.

The Emory is located at 1028 W. Yosemite Avenue next to Hafer's Furniture in the Lincoln Market.

The day following the poker tournament, a "peaceful memorial march to promote positive change of awareness, policies, and procedures for the mentally ill" will be held starting at 11 a.m. It will begin at the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office at 7000 Michael Canlis Blvd. off Mantney Road in French Camp and will end at the Lathrop Police Offices on Seventh Street.

Jeremy Lum said the march is to "complete the walk (his son) could not finish."

The march will start at the Sheriff's Office because that was where Jeremy Lum was released after he was detained overnight three days before his body was found, allegedly for being under the influence. The night before, he was picked up by Lathrop Police in a residential front yard not far from his own home after residents called police about a suspicious circumstance. Family members believed Jeremy, who was with his dog Attila, was headed to his aunt Connie Perez Lum's home a few blocks away but became

disoriented. Lathrop police reportedly took the dog back to his home.

After he was released at the county jail, barefoot and without any means of transportation, Jeremy Lum vanished until his body was found in the river not far from the Sheriff's Office in French Camp.

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