

## **Reporters' notebook**

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Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo will host its annual Ching Ming celebration this weekend. The festival honors the Chinese-American community with lion dancers, traditional blessings and the Wall of Honor. Skylawn will welcome more than 10,000 guests this weekend.

Ching Ming has been observed for more than 2,500 years and is linked to the Chinese culture of ancestor worship. Each year, celebrants visit their ancestors' graves where they conduct ceremonial rites and make offerings. Ching Ming continues to be an important part of cultural life in Chinese communities.