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## Ching Ming celebration at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo

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Hundreds of people came out to honor deceased loved ones at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo on Saturday at the Ching Ming festival. The celebration included Chinese lion dancers to scare away spirits, a traditional blessing from Buddhist and Taoist monks and a Wall of Honor. The observance of Ching Ming dates back more than 2,500 years and the tradition remains an important part of cultural life in the Chinese community.



Family members make offerings during the Ching Ming celebration at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, March 30, 2013. Ching Ming is the ancient Chinese tradition of honoring the memory of deceased loved ones.



Taoist Shun Kai prays during the Ching Ming celebration at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, March 30, 2013



Members of the Yau Kung Moon lion dancers walk through Skylawn Memorial Park during the Ching Ming celebration in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, March 30, 2013



Tai Do decorates the gravesite with colored paper to honor his mother during the Ching Ming celebration at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, March 30, 2013



Tai Do burns paper offerings during the Ching Ming celebration at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, March 30, 2013



Tai Do, middle, and other family members honor their mother during the Ching Ming celebration at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, March 30, 2013.



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