

Chinese celebration

HONORING ANCESTORS



Above: Michael Wong, left, of San Francisco, raises the head of the lion as he and other members of the Yau Kung Moon lion dance team, of San Francisco, march through the cemetery during the celebration of Ching Ming at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward on Sunday. The observance of Ching Ming dates back more than 2,500 years and is linked to the Chinese culture of ancestor worship. Each year, celebrants visit ancestral graves, where they conduct ceremonial rites and make offerings.

At left: Shuen Yeung Temple grand priestess Fong Goo Mary prays while surrounded by monks during the celebration.

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