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**California's Sikh Community  
Highlighted in new KVIE Documentary "Sikhs in America"**

**SACRAMENTO, CA:** "*Sikhs in America*" is a 26-minute documentary profiling the Sikh community in the United States. The program takes a look inside the Sikh community, its religious traditions, home life, and working life and provides a rare view of unique traditions such as arranged and love marriage and dating.

Beautifully shot in high-definition video, this documentary follows Sikh families in Yuba City, Sacramento, Fremont, and Livingston, California. "*Sikhs In America*" provides a portrait of what it means to be a Sikh in the US today, examines their journey from immigrant farm worker to business owner in a single generation. The documentary will show how Sikhs maintain their cultural traditions while also participating in the American dream.

Through seeing different scenes of Sikh life from a family sharing a meal and praying together (in their home temple), to an elaborate Sunday service at the Sikh Gurdwara (Temple) the viewer will be given a peek into this beautiful and distinctive lifestyle.

The documentary will also feature a Sikh wedding, a Sikh summer camp for children, the tying of a Sikh turban, and an exciting Sikh sports game called Kabbadi (Red Rover meets American football.)

The program offers an intimate glimpse into the homes and temples of Sikh Americans. As part of his religion, college student Jaskarn Johl does not cut his hair, and demonstrates before the camera putting on his turban. "It makes me proud that I'm following our gurus the best I can."

"Sikhs in America" **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2008, 7:30pm (Ch. 6)**. Repeats Sunday @ 6pm. Produced by local producers Marissa Aroy and Niall McKay, the documentary is narrated by NPR Radio host Sandip Roy, "Sikhs in America," tells the story of a unique community.

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