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25,000 VISIT GURDWARA

First Sikh prayer of 2017 begins with fellowship for entire community

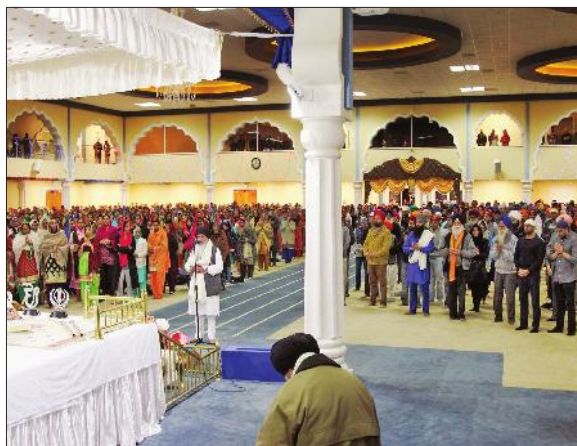
By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

In an act of welcoming, the largest Gurdwara (Sikh Temple) in the United States located in Evergreen Valley, invited all to eat delicious food and kindle friendship with a prayer for the entire community on January 1.

It is estimated more than 15,000 people visited the Gurdwara (pronounced gur-d-wara) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to hear the first prayer of 2017. More than 25,000 visited the Temple from New Year's through 9 p.m. New Year's Day. Some visited for the first time to honor the invitation placed in a full page ad in the *Evergreen Times* newspaper.

Those who came that were not of the Sikh faith were treated with the utmost courtesy and joyful conversations took place for those who came, many for the first time.

Although The Sikh Temple is open 365 days a year, the first day of January is considered special as the first prayer takes place welcoming the New Year. As one enters shoes are kept in a rack or shoe room and



The first prayer of 2017 took place at midnight just at the end of New Year's Eve.

socks or bare feet are welcomed.

The way of the Gurdwara is one first visits the "Diwan Hall" (prayer hall) and listens to three individuals sing hymns from the stage, while being offered a place to sit on the carpet. On an even more elevated stage and under a special canopy is placed the Holy Scriptures called Sri Granth Sahib. This holy scripture is the present and eternal Guru of Sikhs. Guru Granth Sahib is covered with beautiful clothes. All Sikhs enter the Diwan Hall respectfully bow their heads to the Guru. After prayer, there is an invitation to eat a meal with family and the community.

The meals are provided every day and often individuals will donate to pay for all meals served that day. Such donations are also offered in the prayer room. Many spirited people both men and women share the eating room tables and hundreds sit on the carpet.

At the Gurdwara, on many occasions, entire Granth (Holy Book) is read aloud during a 48 hour period by individuals taking turns in continuation from start to finish. Another special room is devoted to

history.

The following key Sikh tenets are posted in the "Gallery Room" along with a history walk of drawings of knowledge...

- I am a child of God...
- As his child I must be truthful in everything I do...
- I must earn an honest living and share my earnings and gifts with the rest of the world...

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The Acasia and Roble Buildings at Evergreen Valley College are slated for demolition.

Evergreen Valley College plans to demolish two educational buildings due to earthquake fault

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

In this article we explore how one (The Evergreen Fault) of three earthquake faults have resulted in the planning of possible removal of two educational cluster buildings at Evergreen Valley College.

At the December 13, 2016 San Jose City Council Meeting in which 27 acres of land was re-designated and approved for commercial development at the college the fault was discussed.

At the council meeting, the attorney representing Evergreen Valley College stated to the city council members that, "some issues have been raised in regard to the fault line running near the 27 acres. "Well, there's an earthquake fault," he explained.

On page 40 of the Assessment of Late Quaternary Deformation of Eastern Santa Clara Valley U.S.

Geological Survey of National Earthquake Hazards 2002 Report, it states there are three faults called the "Evergreen, Quimby and Silver Creek" faults.

The report states that the three faults "most likely intersect the Calaveras fault at depths of approximately 12,000-15,000 feet. Then the report expresses that though, "the faults are limited to the upper crust and likely do not extend to depths at which earthquakes typically nucleate. The fact that these faults intersect the Calaveras at relatively shallow depths may indicate that they could rupture in conjunction with, or triggered by, a large earthquake on the Calaveras fault."

The report also states that, "our interpretation is that the Evergreen and Quimby faults are bedding-parallel detachment-style faults

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Suspects arrested in teen's killing at Dove Hill Park

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

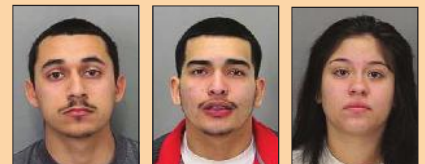
Three suspects have been arrested for the alleged shooting death of Umberto Salas, 17, which occurred during a robbery attempt near Dove Hill Park last October.

San Jose residents, Marcos Antonio Jimenez, 20, and Suzette Angel Campos, 19, were arrested on December 22, 2016. Marcos Antonio Ruiz, 19, was arrested on December 28, 2016.

All three suspects were booked into Santa Clara County Jail for murder.

The investigation and arrests were made in a follow-up investigation from San Jose Police Homicide detectives.

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From left: Suspects Marcos Antonio Jimenez, Marco Antonio Ruiz and Suzette Angel Campos have been arrested.

Clara County jail.

The homicide occurred on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 8:42 p.m. San Jose Police Officers were dispatched to Regional Medical Center on a report of a person shot. Salas was rushed to the hospital by

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• He made us all equal-The Great Potter fashioned us with the same clay...

• I live without fear or hatred because He has none...

• With cheerful optimism I know he takes care of all of us...

• I seek out those that love and remember Him for they are my guides and true friends...

• With empathy compassion and forgiveness I pave my way...

In the history portion of the wall, a writing about Bhai Kanahiya is presented. He acted in a way not unlike the principals of the United States Red Cross organization. The International Institute of Gurmat Studies states that Kanahiya expressed, "Enemy and Friend are all the same to me." Bhai also stated he truly understood the message of the beloved Guru, Gobind Singh Ji when he tended to the wounded regardless of whether they were Sikh or Mughal soldiers. Pleased, Guru Ji blessed him and gave him some ointment and bandages and provided first aid and further augmented his philanthropic Khalsa spirit.

Sikhism was founded over 500 years ago and it preaches the worship of one God, truthful living, equality, liberty and justice for all. Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world. Sikh Gurus in history propagated that good deeds are important for improving our lives but salvation is achieved only through the Grace of the Almighty.

Sikhism rejects the life of asceticism and instead emphasizes family life, social responsibility and concern for others, particularly for the oppressed.

The 10th Guru, Gobind Singh, founded the voluntary order of the Khalsa for Sikhs. The word Khalsa means "the ones that belong to God." These Sikhs undergo a baptismal ceremony and dedicate themselves to live the high, virtuous life preached by the Gurus.

Guru Gobind Singh discontinued the line of personal succession in the Guruship and vested the holy book called the Sri Guru Granth Sahib with the status of Eternal Living Guru. To this day, the Guru

(Holy Book) lives on as the Sikh Holy Scripture.

Baptized Sikhs wear five articles of faith which have deep spiritual meaning. One of the most prominent article of faith is unshorn hair known as Kes. Other articles of faith are the Kripan (a sword), Kangha (wooden comb) Kara (steel bangle –bracelet) and the Kachera.

The Gallery wall states: "The Sikh doctrine accepts other religions as valid paths to salvation. Emphasis is on one supreme God for all humanity and the unity of mankind that flows from it."

The Gurdwara is the Sikh place of worship. All services are preceded over by the Holy Book called the Sri Guru Granth Sahib. Most Gurdwaras across the globe support the institution of langar (offering a free community kitchen open to all).

The founder of the Sikh religion, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, lived from 1469-1539. He preached one God for all humankind; equality, fraternity and justice for all. In the history room, we learn that at age nine upon the execution of his father Guru Gobind Singh spent his early years mastering literacy and military skills that later distinguished him as both an accomplished scholar and courageous warrior. He fought as many as 20 battles against injustice and tyranny and in his autobiography (Bachitar Natak) the Guru writes, "I came into the world charged with the duty to uphold the right in every place, to destroy sin and evil. The only reason why I took birth was to see that righteousness may flourish, that the good may live and the tyrants be torn out by the roots."

The invitation to the Gurdwara gave all deeper understanding and was enlightening for all that came. Many visitors learned that the Granth (Holy Scriptures of the Sikh religion) is a way to connect with God. The members of the Gurdwara expressed all are welcome to visit any day of the year and participate in langar with group arrangements welcomed in advance.

Members of the Gurdwara welcome all, with no appointment needed. To arrange a group to visit the Gurdwara, call (408) 568-0034 or e-mail sgurdwara@sbcglobal.net.

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