



Bush and Cheney lied to get support for the war against Iraq. Now they're lying again, about Iran. Come and spend an evening learning about Iran, its people and its culture. Then ask yourself: Is this our enemy?

'Bam 6.6'

On Dec. 26, 2003, a massive earthquake with a magnitude of 6.6 hit the ancient city of Bam in southern Iran. 40,000 people died. 90 percent of the buildings were destroyed, including the 2,000-year-old Bam Citadel, the world's largest adobe structure.

The film "**Bam 6.6**," produced and directed by Iranian-born filmmaker **Jahangir Golestan-Parast**, tells the story of this tragedy through the eyes of two U.S. tourists, Tobb Dell'Orro and his Jewish fiancée, Adele Freedman. Through their experiences — including rescue efforts by the Virginia Task Force Rescue Team — viewers witness how a natural disaster can overcome religious and political barriers, dispel stereotypes and unite different members of the human family. (For more information, log onto www.essenceofiran.com.)

The film will be introduced by **Rostam Pourzal**, U.S. president of the **Campaign Against Sanctions & Military Intervention in Iran (CASMI)**. Both CASMI and the Defenders are affiliated with the Virginia Anti-War Network, which with The Richmond Defender newspaper co-sponsored last summer's **People's Peace Delegation to Iran**.

7 pm - Thursday - July 3

Asbury United Methodist Church
324 N. 29th St. (corner of 29th & East Marshall), Richmond
Free — Child Care Provided — Light Refreshments

July 3 is the 20th anniversary of the day the USS Vincennes shot down a civilian airliner in the Persian Gulf, killing nearly 300 men, women and children.

On this evening, we will present a group reading of a letter written on the 10th anniversary of the disaster by **Capt. Habib Ahmadzadeh** of the Iranian Navy to Capt. Will Rogers, commander of the USS Vincennes. The letter is a stunning examination of the way the

U.S. military views the use of force. Members of the **People's Peace Delegation to Iran** received copies of the letter from Capt. Ahmadzadeh during our travels through Iran last July. He asked us to share it with the people of the United States.

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