



## Pete Seeger, folk music's renaissance man, dead at 94

Pete Seeger, a 20th-century troubadour who inspired and led a renaissance of folk music in the United States with his trademark five-string banjo and songs of love, peace, brotherhood, work and protest, died Monday night after being hospitalized in New York for six days. He was 94. We raised our kids with Pete. And we went to the Monterey Jazz Festival a few years ago because he was going to be there...and followed him from venue to venue. We picked him up at the airport and he slept here on our guest bed before the Peace Chorus sang with him at Foothill College. A man of principle who sang for all of those he embraced. Do we ever need more Petes.



POTLUCK at 6:30  
Along with Pete on

Thursday Feb.6 7:30 Sing-  
CDs

Save Sat October 18 or Sun October 19 from 1-5 pm for  
*our developing world* (odw) THANK YOU PARTY!

Drop in to help celebrate Vic's birthday, Vic and Barby's 60th wedding anniversary and *odw's* 44 anniversary! We want to thank everyone who has helped our lives be so rich and wonderful. Cake and drinks and some finger food. If you want to follow the *odw* potluck tradition you're very welcome to bring finger food. Music and great company guaranteed. And a chance to meet others who have volunteered, gone on Reality tours, helped us in myriad ways by validating our work and lives.

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If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner. -Nelson Mandela, activist, South African president, Nobel Peace Prize (1918-2013)

***our developing world* 20th anniversary of South Africa's first free election Reality Tour July 8-19 Approx. \$3100 w/o airfare**

**Two add-on options:**

**To the Okavamba Delta, Botswana on July 19**

**and the War Resister International Conference on Non-Violence July 4 4pm to July 8**

**more details.**

**Email [odw@magiclink](mailto:odw@magiclink.com) for**

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**in contact with people what progress and what Our application asks for we can build the itinerary free day in Capetown area hannesburg. Our ac-bring us in contact with to the experience.**

**We'll visit Black communities,**

**townships and shack schools, libraries, etc. *odw***

**has been leading tours to South Africa since 1991. Barby and Vic were there in 1975/76, '86 and '90 and were peace and election monitors in 1994 so friends they've had over the years will also enrich the experience.**

## ***Israel/Palestine: Do you want your \$\$ to violate Human Rights?***

**In California we are facing water shortage with no rain or snow. In the Palestinian context the term “water exiles” describes a broad range of communities that are off or on the margins of formal state water networks. Many Bedouin citizens of Israel whom we visited live in communities not recognized or well serviced by Israel. Aida Refugee Camp in the West Bank suffers from water problems, because all of the West Bank lacks a sufficient supply of water and as a refugee camp, lacks up-to-date infrastructure. This is just one disastrous part of the occupation. BDS (Boycott, Divest and Sanctions) modeled after the very successful campaign that helped South Africa overcome apartheid which the French have endorsed:**

- 1. Join with American Studies Association to boycott Israeli universities that aid in research to aid occupation.**
- 2. Don't invite professors from such universities.**
- 3. Don't finance activities that aid occupation.**
- 4. Don't buy or sell to corporations profiting from the occupation.**
- 5. Don't sell arms to Israel or countries that support Israel.**
- 6. Boycott Soda Stream, Caterpillar, Veolia, HP, Norththrup Grumman, Motorola who profit from the occupation and sign petitions to CalPers and TIAA-CREF to divest.**

**IsraellDivestmentCampaign.org**

## **The Pursuit of Freedom**

***By Nadya Raja Tannous ( edited for space)***

**Walking around any primarily Palestinian city, posters on the walls are hard to miss. In the old city of Nablus, their printed eyes stared down from serious faces of "martyrs", killed by the Israeli military during night-raids, sniper attacks, and bouts of intensely visual and violent military or settler presence. Next to their pictures are their names, dates of death, and a few words about their lives and premature passing.**



At one corner, was one with a young man sporting an outdated curly comb over, a plaid dress shirt, and May 18th, 1976 date of death. Puzzling to see a remembrance tract left for someone who had died almost 40 years before. The guide asked "who here has heard of the Graveyard of Numbers"?

People under military occupation live with injustice and deceit but if a Palestinian from the West Bank is considered to be guilty of a crime by the State of Israel upon their death while in prison, the military collects the person's remains and places the individual in a trial post-mortem and a sentence is assigned the body in a storage facility inside Israel and held in detention until the sentence is fulfilled, the person identified only by number.

Our guide was present when the family received their son. His old father stooped over the casket, opened the lid only to find his son's bare bones, his recognition long gone with the process of time and no assurance these remains even belonged to Hafith. Cost of DNA testing is borne by the family!

Not the kind of homecoming for anyone. This policy is a way to intentionally prolong familial and community mourning in order to cultivate greater desperation, hopelessness and defeat in other aspects of Palestinian life. For as long as the remains have not been returned to their family for burial and ceremony, it is essentially as though that person is still alive, still incarcerated, with no control of their life even in death.

### ***Mining Around the World***

In the newest issue of El Quetzal, GHRC ( Guatemala Human Rights Committee, [ghrc-usa@ghrc-usa.org](mailto:ghrc-usa@ghrc-usa.org)) investigates the recent trends of militarization and criminalization, provides an update on the Polochic land eviction case, highlights the international search for mining justice, and looks at advances in cases regarding the disappeared in Guatemala. "Women in Resistance" delegation participants, as well as [Voiceless Speak Fund](#) recipients, report on work with the Mayan community in Omaha, Nebraska. Increasingly, the military is used to further the profits of corporations. This is happening in El Salvador, Honduras, Peru and many other countries including the US with fracking and oil pipelines, etc. Good for profits ( tax payers pay subsidies here) but bad for human and planetary health.

## **El Salvador Feb. 2nd Elections by Christina Starr**



President Funes held a press conference at mid-day and a national broadcast at night totally refuting all accusations of wrong doing or corruption saying there were never any funds given to gang members, their families or the mediators. He also declared that the ARENA party has a clandestine extermination group (remember the death squads...) and their own "intelligence" structure carrying out executions (this has been a common thread at the end of election campaigns), the ARENA party using scare tactics The ARENA candidate is just scary looking and sounding and the fear is if he wins there will be an all out war between government security and the gangs.

Meanwhile Radio Victoria is ready, set, go to cover the elections in the Cabañas province as well as tuning in to national news stories through our community radio association with 23 stations throughout the country. We will have a team of 28 people directly covering 15 voting sites in Cabañas as well as monitoring social networks, national TV and radio, receiving reports from all the correspondents and providing analysis and commentary throughout the day. Last week the full Radio Victoria team received a workshop by the Supreme Electoral Tribunal on the electoral code, new reforms and journalists rights and duties. Those of you who've been on Salvador Reality tours know how courageous Radio Victoria is!



**New additions on lessons page of [ourdevelopingworld.org](http://ourdevelopingworld.org) including:**

- \* Climate Change
- \* using Howard Zinn's writing
- \* Nelson Mandela

*"I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society, in which all persons will live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal for which I hope to live for. But my lord, if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."*

—Nelson Mandela, Statement in the Rivonia Trial, Pretoria Supreme Court, 1964

## **The Legacy of Nelson Mandela**

**Lessons using the Common Core on odw's website lessons page**

Petitions:

**Stop Chevron's attacks on Human Rights**



**We've seen this pollution in every rivulet giving cancer to every family.**

**[SIGN THE PETITION](#)**



A message from the leader

## TradeJustice

### A petition to Senators and Members of the House of Representatives from New York and New Jersey

*Posted By: TradeJustice (campaign leader)*

#### **TPP DAYS OF ACTION CONTINUE!**

The Days of Action vs. TPP continue this week! Saturday's teach-in Jackson Heights was a **big** success (video in Spanish and English to be released soon)!

Over 40 people braved a snowstorm for our first TPP teach-in in Spanish and our first TPP teach-in in

district. We'll be re-  
the event - both in

English dubbed version

days. This week we

Days of Action Against

Track with events and/

every day! Read

whole message for a

**EVERY DAY THIS**

you can **ONLY** do one

Trans Pacific Partner-

Trade agreement like NAFTA on steroids. NAFTA lost a million US jobs, destabilized the Mexican economy and created the migration we've had.

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**We need to tell the president what the TPP would really mean for U.S. families.**

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[Sign the petition to President Obama and tell him that Fast-Tracking the TPP would worsen U.S. economic inequality.](#)

President Obama's push for Fast Track and the TPP flies in the face of the main theme of his speech: fighting U.S. inequality.

Economists of all stripes agree that U.S. trade policy has been a major contributor to inequality — earlier this week Clinton Labor Secretary Robert Reich was the latest to join the chorus against the TPP.

We've seen more than enough lost jobs, shuttered plants and hollowed-out communities. The last thing we need is another "trade" deal that's unfair to American workers.

Ross Caputi's film *[Fear Not the Path of Truth](#)*, is about the U.S. devastation of Fallujah, in which he participated as part of Operation Phantom Fury in November 2004, but the first couple minutes give us an overview of his hometown, the "former industrial city" of Fitchburg, Mass.:

"But the factory jobs are long gone, so there's really only two types of people that live here. They're the people with good-paying jobs in Boston or Wooster who come out here to build big houses at relatively cheap prices. Everyone else gets by doing work on those houses, doing their lawns, putting additions on them, painting them.

Bob Koehler said after seeing this film: "the moment to expel this lie (that war is a valid tool) from human society has never been riper." The trans-national cost of militarism is some \$2 trillion a year, according to an ambitious new website called [World Beyond War](#). The insanity of war not only squanders our resources, ravages the environment and slaughters the innocent, it perpetuates a global culture of violence, which is the very thing we honor our troops for protecting us from.

"Unless we want to risk catastrophic loss or even extinction, we must abolish war," according to the site's introductory statement. This puts it in the biggest context possible. We cannot settle for less."

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