

# Three Legged Coyote Tour Heads Down Under



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**Happy Birthday, Dad!**

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Dec 1:  
Bellingham,  
WA

## **Howdy Friends and Family,**

### **Three Legged Coyote World Tour Finally Leaves Washington State After 100 Shows**

The Three Legged Coyote Tour is now passing the 100-show mark (over 80 of which were in Washington State). It's been a joyous tour so far, and in keeping with the official tour motto . . .

"Three Legged Coyote World Tour: All Seven Continents, One County at

Dec 3:  
Olympia, WA

Dec 4:  
Olympia, WA

Feb 18:  
Melbourne,  
AU

Feb 26:  
Cobargo, AU

(details  
below)

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a Time”

I’ve performed in virtually every county in Washington. So now it’s time to move on to the next state: Bali. (Don’t worry, the tour will return to Oregon, once the rain has subsided, in June.)



Discussing the use of kangaroo meat in dog food

**Seeking Concerts in Australia and New Zealand**

I’m currently putting together a tour of Australia and hopefully New Zealand for February, March, and early April. If you would like to help organize a house concert (house concert description below), fundraiser for your favorite non-profit group, community concert, school environmental education through music concert, or college concert, please email me at: [dana@cowswithguns.com](mailto:dana@cowswithguns.com).

**Seeking Concerts in Indonesia, East Timor & Bali**

I’m hoping to tour for several weeks in Indonesia and East Timor before going to Australia. If you would like to sponsor a fundraiser for a non-profit group or organize a concert, please email me at: [dana@cowswithguns.com](mailto:dana@cowswithguns.com).

**What is a House Concert?**

Hosting a house concert entails having a room (often a living room or a room at a community center) big enough to hold 30+ folks and having a network of friends so that you’re confident that you can turn out 30+

people. Phoning and emailing friends usually helps get folks out: arm twisting and guilt also helps with some cultural groups. :-) In most Australian or New Zealand towns, a good suggested donation for a house concert is \$15-\$20. In some lower-income areas it's fine to ask less. Whatever seems appropriate for your crew. No one turned away for lack of funds. The proceeds would go to Dana. Some house concerts have potlucks, some provide some snacks or desert, some just have music and good company.



Dana's New Australian Manager

**American Democracy Temporarily Suspended;  
American Citizens Organize to Pass a Constitutional Amendment  
to Take Back Our Democracy**

Earlier this year the US Supreme Court handed down a 5-4 decision on "Citizens United V The Fair Election Commission." ruling that corporations (foreign and domestic) can give unlimited money to candidates in elections. Because of loopholes in current election law, this money can be donated secretly. In other words, corporations and foreign billionaires can spend unlimited funds, running endless negative ads in every campaign in the United States. The November 2, 2010 election was the first election following this decision.

Watch a 4-minute video (with appearances by Stephen Colbert) at <http://www.freespeechforpeople.org/>

On top of unlimited corporate money, many states use voting system technologies that make a verifiable recount impossible and the possibility of large scale voting fraud more likely.

"75% of Americans disagree with Citizens United, and that includes Republicans, Independents and Democrats."  
--Jeff Clements, Former Assistant Attorney General for Massachusetts

Watch Outstanding *Democracy Now* Interview

[http://www.democracynow.org/2010/10/28/free\\_speech\\_for\\_people\\_coalition\\_urges](http://www.democracynow.org/2010/10/28/free_speech_for_people_coalition_urges)

Yes, friends, we have a problem. How do we fix it?



**Banning Computer Voting Machines and Vote Counters;  
Mandatory Paper Ballots and Hand Counting of Votes**

A number of European countries have passed laws requiring paper ballots, which are subsequently hand counted. This is really the only way to allow the possibility of a verifiable recount. If an election is in dispute, all parties and independents can sit around the table and go through the ballots one by one together and decide. With computer voting machines, if there is a problem, the company technician comes in and "fixes" the problem.

**Should We Trust a Computer Technician With Our Ballots?**

Should the Republicans trust a Democrat to manufacture and repair a computer voting machine? I don't think so. Should the Democrats trust a Republican to manufacture and repair a computer voting machine? I don't think so. Should the Independents trust either party? No way.

### **Passing a "Free Speech for People" Constitutional Amendment**

Almost every generation has had to pass a constitutional amendment to right the wrongs of the day. Constitutional amendments were passed to give women the vote and give African Americans the vote. The effort to pass these amendments often takes decades.

To read an example of the Amendment and learn what you can do to help reclaim our democracy, go to

<http://www.freespeechforpeople.org/>



### **My Concerns Encouraging Children to Take Part in Our "Democracy"**

This is personal for me, and not just because I treasure my ability to take part in a democracy. I work with children on a regular basis in schools, encouraging them to take part in our democratic system and encouraging them to work to pass laws to protect animals, habitats, clean water, etc. I have a rule. I don't lie to or mislead children. And under the current situation where corporations can give unlimited money to campaigns, I no longer believe that I can honestly say to my young friends that they can make a difference in our democracy by writing a letter to their representative. In days past, I honestly believed that an eleven-year-old's letter to a congressional representative could make a difference, especially if there were hundreds of them. From my knowledge of the political and media process, I don't see how 100 letters from children can overcome the crushing power of billions of dollars spent by corporations to influence our elections.

Children (and the rest of us) need to be taught about the fragileness of our democracy. They need to be taught that the rights of individual people need to be protected from the overwhelming wealth and power of corporations. Children and adults can all take part in the monumental effort to pass a "Free Speech for People" amendment to the constitution, which will limit corporate power in our elections. Working toward a constitutional amendment will help provide hope for our kids, as well as

a constitutional law and history lesson.

“Rejoice, rejoice, we have no choice but to carry on.”

--From *Carry On* by Crosby, Stills and Nash

**What you can do:**

Learn more about the issue so you'll be better able to explain it to your neighbors, friends and family.

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Watch a 4-minute video (with appearances by Steven Colbert) at:

<http://www.freespeechforpeople.org/>

Read more about the issue at:

<http://www.freespeechforpeople.org/>

Sign the resolution supporting a Free Speech for People constitutional amendment:

<http://www.freespeechforpeople.org/petition>

Organize to pass a local resolution in your town, city or county supporting a Free Speech for People constitutional amendment:

<http://www.freespeechforpeople.org/the-solution>

Write letters to the editor concerning this issue:

<http://www.freespeechforpeople.org/node/33>

Hope to see you at one of my shows.

Dana

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## **CONCERT DETAILS**

**December 1 (Wednesday)**

**Bellingham, WA**

7:00-8:00pm

Village Books

1200 - 11th Street

Price: Free

Come on down. Enjoy the free show. Get some holiday shopping done. Eat a cookie. Laugh, clap, sing. Ho Ho Ho.

Info: (800) 392-BOOK

<http://villagebooks.com/>

## **December 3 (Friday)**

**Olympia, WA**

8:00am

Traditions Cafe

300 - 5th Avenue SW

Price: \$10 adults, \$5 students/low income

There will also be a second show on Saturday (see below)

Info: 360-705-2819

<http://www.traditionsFairTrade.com>

## **December 4 (Saturday)**

**Olympia, WA**

8:00am

Traditions Cafe

300 - 5th Avenue SW

Price: \$10 adults, \$5 students/low income

There is also a show on Friday (see above)

Info: 360-705-2819

<http://www.traditionsFairTrade.com>

## **February 18, 2011 (Friday)**

**Melbourne, Australia**

8:00pm (doors open 7:30pm)

Old Cheese Factory (Badfolk Folk Club)

34 Homestead Road

Berwick, Victoria 3806

Price: \$15

Info: (03) 9702 1223

<http://www.badfolk.org/>

## **February 26, 2011 (Saturday)**

### **Cobargo, NSW, Australia**

February 26 & 27 (and likely February 25)

Show times to be announced

Cobargo Folk Festival

<http://www.cobargofolkfestival.com/>

Info: (02) 6493 6758 or [cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com](mailto:cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com)

Map: <http://www.visitcobargo.com/Map.htm>

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