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Harold Bluetooth

By Dr. Jim Haas



The short-range wireless technology Bluetooth which connects our phones to our cars and music to our earbuds is named for tenth-century Viking king Harold Bluetooth, who,

with his father Gorm the Old, united warring tribes of Danes to found the nation of Denmark. Harold's surname was Gormison, and his Bluetooth nickname may have referred to a prominent darkened tooth.

In 1997, an Intel tech executive learned about King Herald from a Swedish colleague who knew his Viking history, and because the technology united electronic devices as the king united tribes, Bluetooth had found its name and a logo (pictured) with Bluetooth's initials in Norse runes.

A thousand years earlier, King Harold reigned from 958-985 or 986 during the Viking Age of the ninth through eleventh centuries when Scandinavian raiders—Danes, Norse, and Swedes—sailed their unique, shallow-draft longships (Oslo

Museum ship pictured) along Europe's coasts and up its rivers in search of wealth, women, slaves, and land. Viking warlords often had interesting nicknames like Ivar the Boneless, Björn Ironside, and Bluetooth's son Sweyn Forkbeard, who was king of England for a time.

In addition to uniting the Danish tribes, Bluetooth built public works including large inscribed memorial stones and a half-mile-long oak-timber bridge wide enough for two carts to pass. The bridge served as a river jetty for trade ships. When the area was drained in the 1970s, posts and other remains of the thousand-year-old bridge were revealed and a short section is now a historical site.

To strengthen a Danish sense of unity, Bluetooth issued the first national coinage and in strategic locations built five perfectly circular ring forts (pictured) big enough to house area residents and livestock as well as hundreds of heavily armed defenders. Remains of several still exist. Bluetooth expanded his power becoming king of Norway when King Harold Graycloak was assassinated while visiting Denmark.



Bluetooth gave up the Nordic gods and goddesses—Odin, Thor, and the rest—and converted to Christianity during his reign. The scant historical records of the time are unclear as to why he did so, but it likely had to do with his conflict with the Holy Roman Empire that bordered Denmark's south. It may have been part of a peace deal or a forced conversion after a war loss.

However it happened, when a ruler became Christian in those violent times, subjects followed suit because doing otherwise was dangerous. Christianity also spread among Vikings who settled in Christian lands and married local women, and as Vikings gradually relied less on conquest and more on trade with Christian Europeans, adopting the religion helped business.


Vikings eventually settled in the British Isles, Normandy, Sicily, Kievan Rus (today's Belarus and Ukraine), Iceland, Greenland, and briefly in North America. They were mercenaries for the Byzantine Empire and traded in Arabia, Baghdad, and North Africa. Vikings occupied half of England for more than a century, and their





By Sharon Hoover

October isn't even here yet and yet I am receiving notices of a variety of local events that seem to be happening on the same day. Something for everyone. For my gardening friends, the K-State Garden Hour's topic this month is Winter Garden Prep – Putting Your Garden to Bed presented by Anthony Reardon, KSRE West Plains District. A Zoom presentation at noon on October 4, is available on their website a day



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later. WYCO K-State Extension will hold a program on Landscape Design on October 10 from 1pm-4pm. Pre-registration is required, the cost to the public is \$10. Call 299-9300 to register.

Several organizations are coming together to support our local faith community by designating October 6th & 7th the National Faith & Blue Weekend, a collaborate effort to build bridges between residents and law enforcement.

On Friday October 6 at 6:00 pm, a Unity Vigil will be held at Emerson Park at S 29th & Strong Avenue. Join friends and neighbors to reflect and deliberate on working together to make KCK one of the safest communities in the metro. Show your support by placing a luminaria along the path of light (Supplies provided.)

On Saturday, October 7th from 10am to 2pm attend the Community Fair at Rosedale Park (4100 Mission Rd) for some old school fun with carnival games, bean bag toss, music, a FREE hot dog lunch, vehicle

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Old Norse language merged with Old English giving us hundreds of common words including skin, window, skull, gift, their, they, and them.

Bluetooth wireless isn't the only modern connection with King Harold; Denmark's Queen Margrethe II traces her ancestry back to Gorm the Old and Bluetooth. The strong Viking sense of community has survived through the centuries helping make today's social democracies of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland among the world's most prosperous and their people the happiest. Iceland's Althing first met in 930 and is perhaps the world's oldest representative governing body. Quite a Viking heritage.

displays, an appearance by LEO the lion and rides in the BPU lift bucket. PLUS, expert car seat installations, free gunlocks, and more.

The KCK Farm School on Gibbs Road (2443 S 42nd) is holding a free community event entitled "Farm Fest on Common Ground" on October 7 from 2pm to 6pm. Lots of good food, entertainment, and activities. When you finish at the Rosedale event you can scoot over to the Farm School.

Community Housing of Wyandotte County is holding its annual Block Party at 700 Waterway Drive

on October 6 from 5pm-9pm. Get to know your neighborhood and celebrate the work of volunteers and staff. A variety of food choices, live music, Marching Cobras, dance performances. Tickets are \$12. For more info call 299-3182 or rswank@chwckk.org.

I'm recommending another twisty tale from the pen of Freida McFadden, "The Coworker". It's her latest and I read it in one day.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you. Troubles abound in every shape and form when you least expect them.

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Governor Kelly Announces Launch of Shared Services Network for Child Care Providers

TOPEKA—Governor Laura Kelly announced the launch of a new partnership that will create savings and streamline services for child care providers across Kansas. The Kansas Department for Children and Families, Child Care Aware of Kansas, and five community-based organizations are partnering on the Shared Service Network to streamline administrative costs for providers and free up time for programs to focus on providing high-quality child care.

“For many Kansas kids, quality child care is essential for them to have a solid start to their developmental growth,” said Kansas Governor Laura Kelly. “This network will provide child care professionals the resources they need so they can focus

on young Kansans in their care.”

By participating in the Shared Services Network, child care providers benefit from services that cost less and are often more efficient than what the programs could do on their own. A wide range of services are available to reshape child care, including:

- Group purchasing plans;
- Advanced business software to manage enrollment and billing;
- Shared administrative staff;
- Support for hiring staff and finding substitutes; and
- Personalized professional development.

“By working together, child care providers can save money and invest more in key parts of early childhood education, like better pay for their staff, high-quality curriculum, and

other supplies needed to operate a child care business,” said Laura Howard, Secretary Kansas Department for Children and Families.

The five community-based organizations that have been selected to implement the Shared Services Network will have the responsibility for delivering services to participating child care programs that result in cost savings.

“Shared Services represent an innovative approach to making the business side of child care work,” said Kelly Davydov, executive director of Child Care Aware of Kansas. “We have a unique opportunity to realize cost savings for participating child care programs so that they can earn more or reinvest in other aspects of their business, like high-quality

curriculum for the young children in their care.”

Shared Services Networks will be provided by the following organizations:

- Northwest Kansas Innovation Center: Serving 29 counties in the Northwest and North Central areas of Kansas.
- Child Care Aware of Kansas: Serving 39 counties in the Southwest and South Central areas of Kansas.
- Community Children’s Center: Serving 16 counties in the Northeast area of Kansas.
- Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas: Serving 17 counties in the Southeast area of Kansas.
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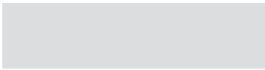
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Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

The Defendant is now attempting to do the same thing in this criminal case -- to undermine confidence in the criminal justice system and prejudice the jury pool through disparaging and inflammatory attacks on the citizens of this District, the Court, prosecutors, and prospective witnesses. The Defendant has an established practice of issuing inflammatory public statements targeted at individuals or institutions that present an obstacle or challenge to him... The Defendant knows that when he publicly attacks individuals and institutions, he inspires others to perpetuate threats and harassment against his targets.

Special Counsel
Jack Smith

Recall his post on "truth social," "If you go after me, I'm coming after you!" Smith's filing asserted that Trump's, continued statements may taint the jury pool. Smith cited example after example of Trump's unhinged attacks. Including the motion were Trump posts disparaging Judge Chutkan, those attacking Jack Smith and his family, witnesses against him, and the jury pool in the District of Columbia.

Meidas Touch Political Vlog

The Order which the prosecutor filed on Friday, would prevent Trump from posting or making statements about:

1. The identity, testimony, or the credibility of prospective witnesses; and

2. Any party, witness, court personnel, attorney, or potential jurors that are disparaging, inflammatory, or intimidating. The Order would go for both Trump and his lawyers.

Michael Popok
Meidas Touch

An unbelievable and baseless quote from Donald Trump, "Joe Biden ordered me indicted on 91 charges, across 4 jurisdictions!" That is demonstrably false and yet, when there is no push back against these kinds of lies, what happens?

Some people will tend to believe them! But, in her first, "Meet the Press" interview Kristen Welker was able to get Trump to say was essentially a part of the scheme, a part of the obstruction, a part of the 241 Civil Rights (breach), which is the stopping of the Electoral College count. If you remember, everyone thought that there would be a "red mirage" on the night of the election. Trump was ahead because the mail-in votes had not been counted. And, sure enough, Trump said, "Stop the counting." Well, that's a crime! Trump was saying that at the time and he just admitted, on-air, on NBC, "Stop counting the votes." That is not allowed. That is part of the scheme here. So, there's a two-for here. Trump said that he didn't rely on counsel. Trump, instead of casting blame on his legal team, as he has said since the election, Trump admitted, "It was my decision to challenge the 2020 election. You know who I listen to, it's myself." And he admitted that he wanted to stop the counting of the votes of American citizens!

Andrew Weissman,
Former FBI General
Counsel and MSNBC
Legal Analyst

•U.S. Code 241 of Title 18, Federal Civil Rights Statute: "Section 241 makes it Unlawful for two or more persons to agree to injure, threaten, or intimidate a person in the United States in the free enjoyment of any right secured by the United States Constitution.

Reasonable people will comprehend just how the former president broke the law in his failed attempt to steal the election victory from Joe Biden. Trump and his circle of traitors to the Constitution are now facing the most serious charges from Special Counsel Jack Smith's Grand Jury.

What Trump said in his Meet the Press interview can, and will be used against him. Trump loves to talk, and this may be his biggest regret. There's no doubt that he was instructed by his legal team to say little, if anything, to prevent self incrimination. Trump ignores them

and really believes that he is never going to be held accountable. 91 Felony charges in four jurisdictions that Jack Smith and the Attorneys General in New York and Georgia will make it Impossible for Trump to escape Justice.

The first time for a former president to be so criminally charged, with so many counts of broken

laws. Trump maintains his innocence and says that Jack Smith is, "Attempting to keep me from being elected." But facts can't be denied; not in a trial by jury. They will have heard the mountains of evidence, proof of guilt, that cannot be ignored, not even by a fervent Trump supporter. March of 2024 is when his trial is scheduled to begin.

Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treat is a very easy to make and classic cookie. They are great dunker cookie, good in either tea or coffee. And they seem to get better as they sit, if they last! Please bake a batch soon!

TOM'S OLD FASHIONED GINGERSNAP COOKIES

Ingredients:

2 c Flour
1/3 c Brown Sugar
1/4 c Sugar
1/2 t Salt
1 t Baking Soda
1 1/2 t Ground Ginger
1/4 t Cinnamon
1/2 c Butter, cold cut into cubes
1/3 c Corn syrup

Set oven to 375°. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper. In a large mixing bowl combine the dry ingredients and whisk together. Add the butter and work into the flour mixture until it forms small crumbs and no white flour shows. Stir in the corn syrup using a large spoon.

Once mixed, knead, press together and push down for 50 to 60 seconds. Form dough into small balls about the size of a small Walnut. Place each 2" apart on the cookie sheet. There should be 16 cookies. With fingers, flatten the dough balls only a little. Sprinkle sugar over the tops, if desired. Bake 14 minutes. Leave to cool on the cookie sheets for 10 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for 5 days or keep chilled for 12 days. If the little ones wish to help, you pull the dough and let them roll into balls. Some recipes call for an eighth teaspoon of black pepper or 1/2 t of Cardamom. I love Cardamom and use a teaspoon! Please try these cookies with hot tea--so good! Freeze dough balls on sheet until frozen thru and place in freezer bags. They will keep for 3 months, ready for anytime you want a tasty treat!

Enjoy!!

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