

Did You Know

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like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2005! The sad

First of all, the members of the Vernonia Police Department and I would

and catastrophic events that brought 2004 to an end reinforced how lucky we are to live and work here in North America. Though I would never want such an event to occur in our area, I now know that Vernonia would pull together to help see each other through. The disaster preparedness article in the last *Independent* was ironically timely given the Tsunami and recent snowstorms.

In this article I want to touch

on a few incidents that have occurred over the past few weeks. The first incident involves a telephone scam. A Vernonian received a call from a man wanting to verify bank account information. The man seemed official and had a lot of information already. Unfortunately, the man took the new information and printed fake checks which he then used. As with email "phishing," do not provide any personal informa-

tion to anyone unless you are sure who it is.

The next incident that occurred was a case of "road rage" on S. Hwy. 47. Since I started here in May, a half dozen people have reported similar hazardous driving incidents. Most of S. Hwy. 47 is out of the VPD jurisdiction but all of the incidents were forwarded to either the Oregon State Police or the County Sheriffs offices in

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Oregon State Police

Dec 5 - Jerry Rumbolz, 45, Vernonia, cited for 2 counts of Borrowing a Big Game Elk Tag, 2 counts of Exceeding the Annual Limit of Bull Elk and Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal Parts.

- Beverly Corey, 42, Vernonia, cited for Loaning a 2004 Big Game Elk Tag.

- Mark West, no age given, Wilsonville, cited for Loaning a 2004 Big Game Elk Tag.

- Larry Bernardi, no age given, Vernonia, cited for 2 counts of Aiding in a Wildlife Crime.

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