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Recently I had the pleasure of meeting up with many of my old friends and acquaintances at a reunion. Besides the reminiscing and the wonderment of the weekend it got me thinking. My friends and I have a common thread that we share and it's a good thing. We go back for many years and it's basically a word of mouth community in which we know who we are. All we had to do was ask a friend or neighbor for information.

What happens when you meet someone and you don't know them or there is no common thread for you to tug on? Let's say you want to delve into a business partnership or marry someone or for that matter, your children want to do the same. Protective flags should abound and today, more than ever, you need someone to take a much closer look than their immediate friends or a Google Search.

If you are thinking of doing something as important as allowing someone into your life, your financial or business areas, please think long and hard about how huge an investment this is. While you can't learn it all on your own you can hire a licensed PI to do it for you and it will be the best investment for peace of mind, security of property and possibly your life.

As for my reunion I had a ball and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to reopen doors that gently wavered over the

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We all want to get business done and with the fast paced world we live in we also don't want to miss a potential sale. That's fine if you are on the end of integrity but not if you are a crooked pedicab driver. You know those guys and gals who pedal you down the street in a rickshaw like vehicle that may or may not resemble a box on a bike?

They are sincerely happy that you are probably on vacation or that you at least will not be in the part of town again for a long time because while you are enjoying your ride they are taking you on another ride you are unaware of.

Ride's over, you pull out your credit card, giggle at how little it cost for this delightful evening ride

years due to logistics, interests and life. Get to know the people you now meet as well as those you grew up with.

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A reminder that prior issues of the newsletter are viewable from the website.

SCAMS TARGET YOU PROTECT YOURSELF

The phone rings and it's from the government with an offer for an "Obamacare Card" ... or maybe they threaten to toss you in the clink if you don't buy insurance. Say *goodbye* or don't say goodbye but **hang up that phone right now**. It's not legitimate. It's simply another criminal looking to take advantage of the fact that no one understands what's going on with Obamacare.

These are the people who are trying to get your vital confidential information because the program is so huge the bad guys and girls figure it's a great opportunity to steal from you. After all, that's what they do for a living.

Certainly there is little understanding of Obamacare but nowhere does it say that you are to be contacted by phone to get a card of any type. These creeps are going for every account number, routing number, credit card and social security number that is yours. Some will even ask for cash. STOP. DO NOT DO IT.

They are trying to scare people into giving in by saying they are from the government. Silly, the government doesn't call us for anything. Not many people even know that the **Affordable Care Act** is the law of the land. Also, be aware that the government is hiring "navigators" to help uninsured citizens sign up for benefits. Don't fall for someone telling you they are a "navigator". The manner in which the official navigators will operate is still unclear.

We are against the ticking clock with only a short period

around the park or the town or the lake but you are now getting taken on the ride of your life. While your driver is smiling at you and running your card through the SQUARE, you are unaware that you are being overcharged!!!

Almost anyone can get a SQUARE account with virtually no problem yet it's difficult for you to locate the thief once you have been *taken*. There is a report out there that a Japanese couple were actually charged a whopping \$720 for ride and oddly enough, the driver tried to add another \$616 which, luckily, was rejected.

Sure you can get information on the transaction but trying to find the suspects ... excuse me while I go say bad words. While a number of accounts have been shut down already and the company will continue to do so, it's still Caveat Emptor for the rest of us.

Beware and use cash for that ride around the park.

of time before registration begins in October and it's evident that scammers will be out in full force. If someone comes to your home, close the door and call the police and report any and all efforts that someone makes to obtain your personal information to the Federal Trade Commission.

If anyone says "*for an upfront fee we can help you*" remind them that you are aware that it is free and they are illicit.

Be strong and be diligent. These scammers are highly adept at manipulating you and getting you to give them what they want.

SAY NO.

