I hate gossip.The more dismal the news is, the larger the audience, the higher the ratings, and the more successful the program is. "Mind your own business" is considered rude and aggressive.A lot of people have become so heavily conditioned to it that they fail to recognize it as gossip.Yet, so much in the media, in publications, and on the Web is based on gossip.They regard it as news; information for public consumption.I find it boring and destructive.I also became very reluctant to share any of my "news" because I felt that it would very likely become public property.I met an older friend that I had not seen for some time.