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tures of the rich, famous and celebrated, and puts it all in her Hampton Sheet. Joan editorialized at year's beginning: "Between the blogs, blab, and tell-all tomes, we have seen and heard more than we want or need to know about Britney and K-Fed, Whitney and Bobby, Jessica and Nick, Paul and Heather, Ellen and Ron, Anna Nicole Smith, Lindsay, Paris and Nicole . . . We need media outlets to look past the ratings. We should stop listening and watching till these people clean up their acts!"

I was reading Joan while watching the People's Choice Awards, where everyone seemed to comment on Britney's now-famous lack of undergarments. Some of the awards seemed heartfelt and well-meant, but a lot of them are pretty awful comments on the current state of our so-

called "culture."

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