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avoid buying into the images they're bombarded with on television. Even though most understand reality TV does not mean real, that does not mean they're not affected by the images they see, she said. Even kids know that what they see on cartoons is not what they're going to see in the street, but they're affected by what they see. "Media, such as reality TV shows, are really crucial in providing information," she said. "In taking in these shows over and over for years, we take in some really important information about what we're supposed to want." You know what they're writing about now?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. The fact that there are young women, and some not so young, who feel they've got to wear whatever is supposed to be in style, so they get these low-cut jeans. You all know where the pubic bone...the pubic bone is, don't you? That's how you draw where you're going to wear these low-cut jeans. But unfortunately, a lot of those who wear the jeans don't exercise, they don't eat properly, so they have a roll of flesh hanging over the top of these low-slung jeans. You know why you can't see the belly button? Because there's too much flab and it's hidden. Can you see what has been done to these young women? They are trying to appear physically attractive, but they've been led to believe that what you wear is so important that even when you wear it, it exposes all of the things that are supposed to be a turnoff. But wearing the garment is more important, so you put on something that you ought not wear. In the back, they have that "Y" appearance that they call the "whale tail" to show that you're wearing a thong, like a G-string that a stripper wears or somebody who works in a whorehouse would wear, and that is deemed to be acceptable attire? What must have been done to these young women psyches to have them dress like that and think that they are looking as they should? It's demeaning. debases them, yet they do it. But they don't want to be mocked. They don't want to be laughed at. What are they seeking? They are seeking their humanity, they're seeking acceptance. If they can manage adulation, that's what they're seeking. But like the