On the front page of the Oct. 20 Statesman Journal were two articles that really upset me.

One article was about this single mom who was about to lose the only home she has because she can't make the payment.

The other article, right next to it, was about how fundraising by Willamette University would exceed their $125 million goal by $6 million.

It was like the scales of justice were worked. Someone needs to help the lady keep her house.

— Clay Stahlaker, Salem

Control costs to reform health care

Read the Sunday Inside Business column by Homer and Annette

The number of Internet images depicting violent sexual abuse of children has quadrupled since 2005.

And where are our judges, political leaders and, ahem, creative geniuses in this rampant pedophilia? They are defending, downplaying, the conduct of and excusing our children's sexual predators.

Thank goodness we still have our prosecutors. After the federal judges appeared before the U.S. Sentencing Commission last month and suggested the need for a reduction in sentences for child pornography possession, a U.S. attorney testified to the "striking dissonance" between the sentences sought by prosecutors and those imposed by judges.

After all, he explained, prosecutors worry that judges will reduce whatever sentences the prosecutors recommend. He diplomatically suggested "all involved" should be better educated about this issue.

Our children can only hope.

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