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Poor health literacy leads to serious mistakes

Americans are hurting themselves because they can't understand medical instructions

By **Michael S. Bragg**

An elderly woman shuffled into the drugstore to buy a bottle of ibuprofen. She had a prescription for the pain reliever, but she was confused by the instructions. She asked the pharmacist for help, but he was busy. She left the store with the bottle, but she didn't know how to take it. She took it every day, and she felt worse. She called her doctor, but he didn't know what to do. She was so confused that she didn't know when to stop taking it. She was so confused that she didn't know when to stop taking it.

4,475 jobs paid for, left empty

State agency budgets collect money for thousands of jobs that are often intentionally held open

By **Michelle Cole** and **Harry Evers**

SALT LAKE — Call them the phantom jobs: hundreds and hundreds of positions on Oregon state agency books that go unfilled for months or even years. Agencies set the them when they make their budget requests to the Legislature but intentionally keep

the money without filling the jobs. And just as the number of vacant or half-filled positions in state government rose to 4,475, according to state records. That's about 11 percent of the total work force and they are mostly seasonal positions. That's not to say they aren't important. They are. They are the backbone of the state's economy. They are the backbone of the state's economy. They are the backbone of the state's economy. They are the backbone of the state's economy.

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"The bedrock principle underlying the First Amendment" is that the government cannot punish words or ideas "simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable."

— Justice Brandeis, *Whitney v. California*

Supreme Court affirms free speech

On Sept. 15, 2010, in *Citizens United v. FEC*, the Supreme Court affirmed the right of corporations to spend money on political speech.