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## D.U.D.E., WHAT'S HAPPENIN'!



Nathan Jacobi is a retired scientist. He doesn't look like a social activist, but he's the force behind a new pro-active, advocacy group for disabled people based in Southern Oregon. The group is called DUDE - Disabled United in Distressing Environments. DUDE's goals are to provide a voice for the disabled and to raise public awareness about the plight of the disabled. "Most disabled end up falling between the cracks," says Nathan. "It's time to be much more aggressive." Last fall, Nathan's wife Rhea, who is disabled, had all her services cut off by the state. They fought to get most of Rhea's services restored and then decided to form DUDE to help others fight for better treatment. In April, DUDE co-sponsored a rally and march in Medford that attracted about 100 people who demanded that the State of Oregon stop cutting services to the disabled. DUDE is putting out a video about the state's new mobility rules and is beginning to get active politically. Contact DUDE at: 541-488-5639 or [dude@cybernetisp.net](mailto:dude@cybernetisp.net)

## Nursing Home Information Needed

SEIU is committed to helping all workers in long term care organize to improve the quality of care for Oregon's seniors and to improve wages and working conditions for caregivers.

If you work or have worked in a nursing home or know someone who does, please call SEIU Local 503 at 1-800-527-9374, ext. 102.

