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### Drawing Boundaries

Redistricting will be decided by the Rules and Redistricting Committee by June 30. Pictured are the current district boundaries which may be subject to change by the committee.

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### Redistricting

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University and Lane Community College.

"Joining the two districts would weaken their interests," Rice said.

Other suggestions from the community included keeping District 43's boundary along the Cascade Mountain Range, and not disrupting natural neighborhoods.

Rep. Vicki Walker, D-Eugene, said she agrees with a lot of the concerns voiced by the Eugene community, especially those presented by McGuire and Rice.

"It's important for us to realize that University students are not going to have the same interests as the University administration," Walker said.

The committee will hold hearings in cities throughout Oregon before determining any redistricting. The committee's final decision will be made by June 30, Walker said.

The Rules and Redistricting Committee must draw new boundaries for the existing Oregon districts so that each district has about 57,000 people.

**The following represent the current population numbers for districts including portions of Eugene:**

- District 39:** 59,558
- District 40:** 47,759
- District 41:** 58,845
- District 42:** 53,831
- District 43:** 51,353

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**Vicki Walker**  
State rep. District 41

### Guard

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ranking official, publisher Tony Baker, was shown to have a direct part in some of the unlawful activity," the decision read.

The NLRB will appear in U.S. District Court in Eugene today to seek an injunction against the publication, according to a Teamsters Local 206 statement. As the U.S. government agency responsible for enforcing federal labor laws, the board claims that Register-Guard management must be held accountable by the court.

"Upon information and belief, unless this Court immediately restrains the ... unfair labor practices, Respondent will continue its disdainful and mocking treatment of the Act and the harmful effects of its unlawful acts will be reinforced with time, with the result that Respondent will successfully thwart the enforcement of important provisions of the Act and of the public policy underlying it..." the NLRB stated in its petition seeking an injunction.

The Judge ordered Register-Guard management to accept Teamsters Local 206 as the representative unit for the distribution department without holding an election.

"He's basically saying the company's illegal activities would make any election [for representation] unfair," said Lance Robertson, a Register-Guard reporter and the Eugene Newspaper Guild's chief bargainer.

"The NLRB hardly ever seeks an injunction like this," teamsters' representative Stefan Ostrach said. "They only do it when they find really flagrant violations of the law. It's really too bad that the third generation has chosen to smear the good name of the Baker family by abusing the rights of their employees."

Disputes between the newspaper's management and employees are nothing new.

The paper's last contract with its employees expired May 1, 1999. And recent negotiation attempts have produced little progress, Eugene Newspaper Guild president Suzi Prozanski said in February.

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**Lance Robertson**  
chief bargainer  
Eugene Newspaper Guild


The guild requested that subscribers cancel their newspapers for a few days prior to contract negotiations in February. During that week, dummy-pages were placed on newspapers in distribution boxes throughout town. "Contract Now" was typed in thick black letters over the Register-Guard masthead, and "Local Newspaper Gets Greedy" was the lead story on the mock front page.

Robertson said that with the decision, Metz acknowledged that the newspaper's owners have a real anti-union attitude.

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