

Hyundai will build \$1.3 billion plant in Eugene

Technology: The first Korean manufacturing plant in the United States will bring growth to Eugene

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Hyundai Electronics announced that it will invest nearly \$1.3 billion to build a semiconductor plant in the Eugene area at a press conference yesterday.

J.Y. Kim, the president of Hyundai



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Electronics America, said Eugene was chosen for the company's first plant outside Korea because of easy access to transportation, its strong resource base and its closeness to the American market.

The plant will employ over 1,000 people and most will be hired from

the Eugene/Springfield area, Kim said.

"The financial package was not the most important reason for us choosing to locate in Eugene," Kim said. "Many other states offered similar, if not better packages."

Because the site is located in one of Oregon's 30 Enterprise zones, on Willow Creek Road between 11th and 18th avenues, the plant will not have to pay property taxes for three years. Enterprise zones were created to promote investment in vital areas of the state.

Gov. John Kitzhaber said Hyundai's decision shows that Oregon has a quality educated workforce and a growing, dynamic economy.

"In the last year, nearly \$4 billion has been invested in Oregon alone in the semiconductor industry," Kitzhaber said.

He said Hyundai chose Eugene partly because of the presence of the University and Lane Community College, two places where skilled employees can be

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Environmental awards presented to citizens

Recognition: Students and administrators were honored for making the campus "greener"

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Some of the University's most environmentally aware citizens were recognized Monday for efforts to educate the campus, reduce waste and increase recycling programs.

Six University Environmental Citizens of the Year awards were given to students and administrators for various projects to make the University a "greener" place. The award recipients were nominated in honor of Earthweek 1995 by people in the campus community.

"We try to seek out good environmental citizens on the University campus," said Karyn Kaplan, director of the University's recycling program. "We got more nominations than we've ever gotten in the past."

The winners were Tim King, Lauri Segel-Vaccher, JoAnne Flanders, Catia Juliana, Marty Bergoffen and six journalism students. The award recipients were chosen by the committee from the pool of nominees.

King, the University campus and grounds supervisor, has implemented environmentally sound landscaping practices at the University. He has started public drop-off recycling sites and a yard waste composting project. Composted materials are now used throughout the campus to minimize chemical use.

Segel-Vaccher has been active for several years within the University, working on waste reduction and recycling issues. In the business school, where she works, she has also started a recycling program.

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Bench work



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Max Paulus, a junior Biology major, reads a book and catches some rays outside of Knight Library Monday afternoon. Sunny skies are expected to continue through Wednesday.

GOOD MORNING

► **DALLAS (AP)** — Football player Troy Aikman switched sports to raise money for victims of the Oklahoma bombing.

The Dallas Cowboys quarterback squared off against some of his teammates for a basketball game Sunday in a high school gym.

The game was organized by Aikman's Baptist church and raised about \$25,000.

"There are a lot of people out there with real-life problems. All we're trying to do is make that as easy as we can," Aikman said.

Aikman played for the church against the Dallas Cowboys Hoopsters, including Larry Brown and Leon Lett. The Hoopsters lost 82-77.

About 2,300 people turned out to watch.

► **SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — The first of a new class of antiviral drugs appears to dramatically help AIDS patients

fight off a devastating infection that causes blindness, the drug's developer said Monday.

Called didofovir, the drug's early promise is starting to attract attention to this class of medicines to fight not just AIDS infections but the HIV virus itself, experts say.

"We believe this class of drugs does confer some real advantages to patients," said Dr. Howard Jaffe of Gilead Sciences, which is preparing to seek Food and Drug Administration approval of didofovir to treat cytomegalovirus, an infection that blinds a third of patients with advanced AIDS.

Didofovir was one of several early but promising biotechnology drugs — including a test to predict who gets osteoporosis and possible leukemia fighters — unveiled Monday at a meeting of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, which once a year gives a peek at what's in

the pipeline.

The new antivirals are nucleotide analogs, a cousin to the nucleoside analogs AZT and others already on the market. Existing AIDS drugs have a major problem: They cannot protect uninfected cells for very long.

Nucleotides, however, last possibly three times as long. Also, drugs for AIDS co-infections often cannot protect uninfected cells, allowing some diseases to spread rapidly. Nucleotides have a different chemical structure that allows them to enter any cell and immediately begin working without waiting to be "turned on," explained Dr. Arnold Friedland of St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Tests at 10 hospitals show didofovir fought progression of blindness for 120 days, vs. just 50 days for the standard treatment now in use, Jaffe said.

Passage of bill may lead to law school renovation

Modifications: State money for the project would add floors of offices and classrooms

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A Senate bill that requests state money to almost double the size of the University School of Law was passed by the State Ways and Means Committee Monday.

If the bill passes the state Senate and House, the renovation project will add a fifth floor to the law library, a fourth floor of offices, a third floor of classrooms and additions to administrative offices, said Charles O'Kelley, law school dean.

"The entire project will almost double the size of the law center," he said.

Senate Bill 5555 requested \$4.7

million dollars to pay for half of the \$9.4 million for the first phase of renovation. The other half will be paid by private donations from alumni, O'Kelley said.

"We have a year to raise the money and indications are that we'll be able to do that," he said.

O'Kelley said the renovation is separated into two phases, and architects hired to complete the project will decide what renovations will be made during each phase.

Funding for half of the second phase will be sought from the state Legislature during the first phase, he said.

The project will add almost 32,000 square feet to the law library and almost 37,000 square feet to the rest of the law school, said Chris Ramey, University architect and facilities planning

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