

## **Coffee Break: St. Francis Hospital to get honor**

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The Mid-South Transplant Foundation will present its Medal of Honor to Saint Francis Hospital-Memphis for its high organ donation rate.

The hospital was recently lauded by the Health Resources and Services Administration for sustaining organ donation rates of 75 percent or higher in a 12-month period that ended in May.

Saint Francis Hospital was among only 3 percent of the nation's hospitals to have achieved the goal.

### **Overseas distributorship**

Aerospace Products International Inc. has been selected as exclusive distributor of Aeronautical Systems Engineering Inc. flight training devices and full-motion simulators throughout Asia Pacific, Australia and New Zealand.

Memphis-based API has an established presence in key Asian and Australian markets and long-term supply-chain management agreements with many of the region's largest flight schools and flight training companies.

### **Price-fixing settlement**

Tennessee will get a share of a \$25 million, multistate agreement to settle allegations that some companies fixed the price of vitamins.

The amount Tennessee will get from the settlement has not been determined, according to the state Attorney General's Office.

It is the second such suit to be filed on behalf of consumers and businesses that bought certain vitamins between 1988 and 2000. A \$225 million agreement with different vitamin manufacturers was reached in 2000.

The suit involves 16 vitamins and 27 companies.

### **NIH buys GeneIndexer**

The National Institutes of Health has bought the first product offered by

Memphis-based Computable Genomix.

The NIH library has subscribed to GeneIndexer, an online genomics research tool.

The NIH Library is an open biomedical research library. Its collection and services are developed to support the programs of the NIH and selected agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

GeneIndexer simplifies the discovery process for researchers using genomic data. The program searches more than 1 million gene-related abstracts available through the National Library of Medicine.

### **Disaster training**

The Medical Education and Research Institute will offer disaster training to local emergency medical professionals through early 2010.

The daylong courses will focus on search, rescue, triage and treatment patients of a simulated office complex bombing.

The courses will be taught by qualified instructors with human patient simulators and anatomical donors.

The training courses are available in part by a grant given to the MERI by the Plough Foundation to train emergency professionals in Memphis and Shelby County.

