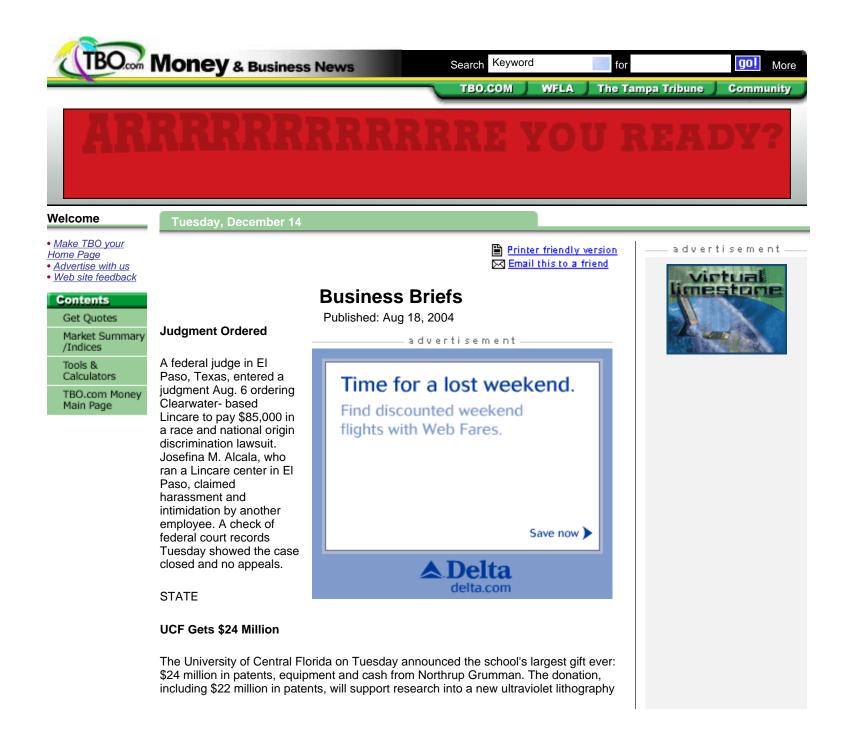
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Site Shows Drug Prices

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who has sued many big-name drug makers for bilking the government with their drug prices, unveiled a Web site that allows consumers to compare prices at pharmacies in the state at www.NYAGRx.com.

NATION

XP Upgrade Starting

Microsoft will begin an automated distribution today of a major security upgrade to its Windows XP Home Edition if computers are set to receive automatic updates, Windows product manager John Murchinson said Tuesday. The company has delayed its automated distribution of the security upgrade for the XP Professional operating system, citing a desire to give companies more time to test it. The update, dubbed Service Pack 2, won't be available to users of XP Professional until at least Aug. 25, Murchinson said Tuesday.

Costco Sells Caskets

Costco Wholesale, better known for selling bulk food, started test marketing caskets in Chicago. Each of Universal Casket's six models costs \$799.99.

Buffet Bought Comcast

Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway bought 5 million shares of Comcast two days after the world's biggest cable- television operator dropped a \$54.1 billion bid for Walt Disney Co. Berkshire invested \$147.9 million in Comcast after its stock dropped 12 percent.

WORLD

Oil Sets Record

Oil prices set a new record Tuesday. Light crude for September delivery climbed 70 cents to \$46.75 in New York trading. On an inflation-adjusted basis, though, oil is still about \$10, or 18 percent, cheaper than it was just prior to the first Gulf War.

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