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## [Justice Dept. halts Texas voter ID requirement](#)

The Justice Department blocked Texas' new voter-identification law Monday, arguing that it targets the state's Hispanics — and igniting yet another clash between President Obama's administration and a GOP-run state.

## [Who says Romney can't win in the South?](#)

The showdown between Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich was supposed to be the big story in Tuesday's GOP contests in Alabama and Mississippi — but polls show Mitt Romney is poised to rewrite the narrative that he can't win in the Deep South.

## [Legal precedents to clash as health care law goes to high court](#)

As President Obama's health care law heads for an epic Supreme Court showdown this month, the administration and its opponents are struggling to convince the court that it can rule in their favor without upsetting years of precedent or opening the door to all sorts of mischief.

## [Venezuelan oil a risky investment for China](#)

China has poured billions of dollars into Venezuela's oil sector to expand its claim over the country's massive oil reserves.

## [Rising gas prices hamper Obama](#)

President Obama on Monday trumpeted an administration report that praises him for reducing the country's reliance on foreign oil, but a new poll



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shows that Americans are holding him responsible for soaring gas prices.

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Students aren't the only ones who hate going to school.

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The Obama administration released more than 600 pages of guidance on Monday outlining a flexible framework for how states should go about setting up insurance exchanges under the new health care law.

### [U.S. on pace for \\$1 trillion deficit](#)

The federal government set a new monthly record deficit of \$232 billion in February and has notched a total of \$581 billion in the first five months of the fiscal year, according to the Treasury Department's official count released Monday.

### [Unopposed Evans boasts big re-election stash of cash](#)

Campaign-finance reports tied to D.C. Council seats up for grabs this year show candidates with widely divergent amounts of cash to play with in the homestretch to the April 3 primary elections.

### [Redskins penalized \\$36M in salary cap space](#)

The Washington Redskins, for years derided as champions of the offseason, positioned themselves Monday to legitimize that title in a salary-cap showdown with the NFL.

### [Inside the Beltway: Is Gingrich ready to pair with Perry?](#)

Is Republican presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich ready to declare Texas Gov. Rick Perry his running mate? Fox News political analyst Carl Cameron is convinced the Gingrich campaign is on the cusp of pairing the two in time for the Republican National Convention in August.

### [Afghans demand swift trial in civilian killings](#)

Afghans on Monday demanded a swift trial and punishment for the U.S. soldier accused of killing 16 civilians, including women and children, while the Taliban vowed to avenge the killings.

### [Paul nets first win, but not in delegates](#)

Rep. Ron Paul won his first victory of the Republican primary season over the weekend, but fell short in several tests of his delegate-hoarding strategy, and the candidate himself hinted to reporters that he is "suspicious" of fraud in some of the vote-counting.

### [Earthquake link casts cloud over fracking](#)

In another blow to the natural gas extraction technique known as fracking, officials in Ohio now say wastewater produced by the popular process is likely responsible for a rash of recent earthquakes.

### [Clinton espouses democratic tenets for Arab Spring governments](#)

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday that the U.S. would judge newly empowered Islamist parties in the Arab world by their deeds rather than their names.

### [2nd Wis. judge strikes down state's voter ID law](#)

A Wisconsin judge on Monday struck down the state's voter identification law less than a week after another judge temporarily stopped it, complicating plans for state officials who want the law in place for the upcoming

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### [EDITORIAL: A tragedy in Afghanistan](#)

Reports of a lone soldier allegedly massacring 16 Afghan civilians was a body blow to the image of U.S. troops fighting the difficult, decade-long war there. Sunday's deadly rampage southwest of Kandahar came shortly after days of rioting following revelations that NATO forces had improperly disposed of religious writings, including Korans. It's been a difficult few weeks in the battle for Afghan hearts and minds.

### [WOLF: Democrats sneak Uncle Sam into your bedroom](#)

Pop quiz: What is the most expensive lunch you can buy? Answer: The one someone convinces you is free. Ask your average fifth-grader if there's such thing as a free lunch. Now ask a Democrat. Care to wager who's smarter?

### [SMITH: Premeditated murder of newborns](#)

Late last month, two bioethicists - Alberto Giubilini and Francesca Minerva - published an outrageous "paper" in the Journal of Medical Ethics justifying the deliberate, premeditated murder of newborn babies during the first days and weeks after birth.

### [EDITORIAL: Germany proposes a Drudge Tax](#)

European politicians are on the hunt for new sources of revenue as the continent's fiscal situation worsens. The level of desperation is clear in the latest move from German Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition government to tap into the cash reserves of Internet search engine giant Google to bolster that country's ailing publishing industry.

### [EDITORIAL: Obama's last-ditch appointments](#)

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is up to his dirty political tricks. He's sitting on the jobs bill that passed the House last week with 390 votes and has the president's endorsement. Instead of taking it up, the Nevada Democrat announced on Monday he will force votes this week on 17 of President Obama's lifetime judicial nominees. Mr. Reid is manufacturing this fight to paint Republicans as obstructionists in a tight election year.

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