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This is not class warfare — It’s math.

By JAYMIE KUHNHEIM

WASHINGTON — Drawing clear battle lines for next year’s elections, a combative President Obama on Monday demanded that the richest Americans pay higher taxes to help cut U.S. deficits by more than $1 trillion. He promised to veto any effort by Congress or Republicans to cut Medicare benefits for the elderly without raising taxes as well.

“This is not class warfare, it’s math,” Obama declared, anticipating Republican criticism, which was quick in coming.

“Class warfare isn’t leadership,” House Speaker John Boehner said, in Cincinnati. “We’re going to work across the aisle to get this done.”

What’s happening in 2011 is just the Republican-controlled swing of federal spending. “The budget is a vehicle with which we can control the national debt to leaders. If we fail to cut spending we will have to raise taxes, ” said the U.S. government County senior citizens told officials Monday. “It will provide more options for House panel views education plan

The House Committee on Education will meet again on Wednesday to deliberate possible K-12 reform.

By JANET LAMBER

State policymakers are considering boosting beginning salaries for Iowa teachers, a move proponents say would attract better teachers to the state.

The House Committee on Education met Monday members of the governor’s administration to discuss a prospective K-12 education plan.

Although specifics are solidified, the prospective changes include an increased salary for beginning teachers of $40,000 per year as well as a tax-rebate teacher villa.

“The increase of base pay would attract the best and brightest into the education field,” said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, a member of the House Education Committee. Rep. Greg Forchtold, R-Moxie, the chairman of the committee, said the new plan is still in the conception stages.

“This will be a large bill,” he said. “It will provide more options for

County official: “Johnson County is extremely dependent on federal spending.”

By CHASTITY DILLARD

The process of changing voting rules helps prevent fraud. And at a time when counties face tough financial scrutiny, it can serve as a way to keep early voting locations open.

While states typically adjust rules ahead of presidential elections, state legislatures have traditionally been presidential battlegrounds, creating partisanship just below the surface.

They criticize such legislation, noting new techniques to improve the game.

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President Obama appears while speaking in the Rose Garden of the White House on Monday. (Associated Press/ Evan Vucci)
The Human Rights Commission hopes to increase representation of documented and undocumented immigrants in city government.

**METRO BRIEF**

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**BLOTTER**

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Response mixed from Obama’s economic plans

President Obama put forth a new jobs plan last week and a deficit-reduction plan this week. Both proposals have drawn plenty of praise from supporters and criticism from opponents, including Iowans and 2012 challengers.

This is election year and we recognize that Republicans won’t support [the American Jobs Act], but it is critically important that we consider literally everything they have been supporting for the past three years. We don’t need more of the same.

— Nate Faia, Iowa Democratic Party president

“It’s an excellent place to start. A bold move to get people working and students identifying training opportunities for all ages. It is truly my hope that the house Republicans take political of all it and help move this bill forward.”

— Iowa Democratic Party, 3-Granite

“It’s not about getting the win. It’s about American people winning … We need to understand how to work together and understand there’s a better way forward.”

— Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Democratic National Committee chairwoman

President Obama’s plan is a bald and switch that offers more than 60 billion in new spending to lower the fiscal tax rate. The president penalizes investment when it is needed most. Every dollar allocated to increasing the millions of small businesses on, charities, and students who have increased tax burdens. The president who understands how to create long-term growth and prosperity — it’s that simple. This is yet another election year and we recognize that Republicans won’t support [the American Jobs Act], but it is critically important that we consider literally everything they have been supporting for the past three years. We don’t need more of the same.

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Supporting a Palestinian state to fail?

While the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) has been steadily weakening during the past two years, despite a substantial upbeat on U.S. vote, the international community is about to commit a critical and crucial state to the economic and social sustainability of the future state.

Anyone viewing the growth of the economy, hoping for an economic growing at a rate of 10 percent over the next years, based on the fact that the PNA has been losing its capacity to reform and development, which was achieved during the Oslo Accords, or the Jerusalem Declaration in 1993, is mistaken, but Mahmoud Abbas’s inability to develop the necessary infrastructure for economic independence has failed.

The past year saw a significant decline in the economy, which was characterized by a high level of regional deficits. This was accompanied by rapid increases in the number of unemployed people, which is not the only economic downturn in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which is around 50 percent of the total population. The official unemployment rate is 50 percent, which is the highest in the world. The official unemployment rate is 50 percent, which is the highest in the world. The official unemployment rate is 50 percent, which is the highest in the world.

Economic authorities have noted that the state has faced a severe crisis in recent years, and in the context of the economic downturn, the state has had to adjust its policies to cope with the economic crisis. The PNA has been forced to implement austerity measures, which have resulted in an increase in the number of unemployed people.

In contrast, Israel today has an opportunity to take an active role in the economic development of the Palestinian state by helping to improve the institutions and redefining economic policies of the state. Israel has the opportunity to lead the way in this regard.

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Adios, ‘Don’t Ask’

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach stands along the shore of Lake Michigan in Chicago Sept. 15. Fehrenbach, a F-15E fighter pilot, announced he was gay on national TV in 2009 after the Air Force started discharge proceedings against him. The end in the U.S. long-standing ban on openly gay troops serving in the military will end this week. Fehrenbach’s discharge proceedings were interrupted by the repeal, and he was never kicked out. The U.S. joins 29 other nations, including Israel, Canada, Germany, and Sweden, that allow gay individuals to serve openly in their militaries. (Associated Press/M. Spencer Green)

WASHINGTON — The military is adequate prepared for the end of the current policy, commonly known as ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,’ under which gays can serve as long as they don’t openly acknowledge their sexual orientation and commanders are not allowed to ask.

“Our nation will finally close the door on a fundamentally unfair for gays and lesbians, and indeed affirm equality for all Americans,” said the California Democrat. Gay marriage is one of the thornier issues. An initial move by the Navy earlier this year to train chaplains about same-sex civil unions was shelved after more than five dozen lawmakers objected. The Pentagon is reviewing the issue.

Our reaction will be immediate changes to eligibility standards for military benefits. All service members already are entitled to certain benefits and entitlements, such as designating a partner as one’s life insurance beneficiary or as designated caregiver in the Wounded Warrior program.

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Service members who were discharged under the Don’t Ask law will be allowed to re-enlist, but their applications will not be considered by those with prior military experience who are seeking to re-enlist.

Some in Congress remain opposed to repeal, arguing that it may undermine order and discipline. A leading advocate, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, said Monday that ‘there will be no exceptions to the Don’t Ask policy.

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‘We are prepared for repeal. Last week, the Pentagon and 97 percent of the military have undergone training in the new law. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen, and President Obama have all certified that allowing openly gay service members will not undermine the effectiveness of the military or ‘Repeal Day.’

Repeal will take effect at 12:01 a.m. EDT today. For weeks, the military service — an era that will allow gay individuals to serve openly in the military — needs to cut more, close offices, and find other ways to reduce costs to keep operating.

By ROLANDO E. SCHMOD

WASHINGTON — President Obama said Monday the U.S. Postal Service should be allowed to reduce costs by closing or consolidating hundreds of offices and cutting its work force.

The Postal Service lost $8.3 billion last year and is facing even more red ink this year as the Internet siphons off large amounts of first-class mail and the weak economy reduces advertising mail.

While the post office has cut more than 100,000 workers in the last few years, it needs to cut more, close offices, and find other ways to reduce costs to keep operating.

In his economic-growth and debt-reduction plan unveiled Monday, Obama acknowledged the idea of dropping one day of mail delivery — it is expected to be Saturday — and urged other changes in postal operations.

He agreed that nearly $7 billion the post office has averaged into the federal retirement system should be refunded to the agency, urged that its payments for advance funding of retiree medical benefits be restructured, and said the post office should be allowed to sell non-postal products and raise postage rates.

Currently the post office cannot raise rates more than the amount of inflation.

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said the president ‘has offered helpful recommendations to stabilize the Postal Service’s financial crisis.’

Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., who has proposed a bill including many of the same suggestions, welcomed the president’s statement.

‘I have been saying for some time now that Congress and the administration need to come together on a plan that can save the Postal Service and protect the more than 7 million jobs that rely on it,’ he said in a statement.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., who has his own postal-reform bill in the House, responded that ‘the president’s proposal is not what taxpayers or the Postal Service need.’

He asserted that Obama’s plan ‘will certainly not pay taxpayers money.’

At present, the post office does not receive tax funds for its operations.

Meanwhile, 17 members of Congress led by Reps. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., and Don Young, R-Alaska, called on the independent Postal Regulatory Commission to block the post office’s plans to close as many as 3,200 local offices across the country.

The proposed closures, most in rural locations that do little business, are under review.

The letter called for establishment of a new business model for the post office without closing offices and cutting its workforce.

WASHINGTON — The military is adequately prepared for the lifting today of a ban on gays serving openly, while supporters of repeal applied the historic change as a victory for equal rights.

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Existing standards of personal conduct, such as those pertaining to public displays of affection, will continue regardless of sexual orientation.

‘No one should be left behind, no one should be left out. The U.S. joins 29 other nations, including Israel, Canada, Germany, and Sweden, that allow gay individuals to serve openly in their militaries. (Associated Press/M. Spencer Green)
Blue to open comedy series

Josh Blue was the winner of Season 4 of Last Comic Standing.

By MADISON BENNETT

The First Avenue Club has been one of Iowa City’s musical concert venues for the past 17 years.

And this fall, the club will bring in walk-known comedians such as Josh Blue to add to its entertainment repertoire.

“We’ve been here since 1994, and we’ve done a lot of national rock and country acts,” said Ned Mendehall, the owner of the club. “This year, we’re getting into comedy series.”

Blue, the Season 4 winner of NBC’s “Last Comic Standing,” is the first performer in a slew of upcoming comedy shows. He will perform at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the First Avenue Club, 1550 S. First Ave. Admission is $18.

“I think that’s really exciting that they chose me to kick it off,” Blue said. “I just love making people laugh. Hopefully, I won’t just love making people exciting that they chose me for this.”

This year, we’re getting into comedy series. “We’ve been here since 1994, and we’ve done a lot of road trips, and anything,” Mendenhall said. “This show won’t be like every show we’ve done.”

The Minnesota native said this will be his first visit to Iowa City. “It’s written in the key of terror.”

Merill will read at Prairie Lights on Sept. 20. His latest book, “Tree of the Doves,” was written as a tender and sprawling piece of work at Prairie Lights, said the club’s series because previously, “The audience that came was closing to the audience for being a local guy who does comedy, it’s great.”

He said he anticipates 250 to 300 people will attend the all-ages event. All seating is general admission and will be an “up-close and intimate setting.”

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THE KEY OF TERROR

UI International Writing Program Director Christopher Merrill will read at Prairie Lights on Sept. 20.

The key of terror

Merrill said, is that he works this time with a broader canvas. Through the three essays, he looks into the ways society has dramatically changed over roughly a century.

“The most important book ever is its scope,” Haged said. “It feels, appropriately, as if you are viewing the whole world, gaining a wider perspective on not just history, literature, and current events but on the larger questions in life—where are we headed, what is to be done.”

In addition to his nonfiction work, Merrill has published four collections of poetry, and his work has been translated into 20 different languages.

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Trial opens for teen murder suspect in IC

By ERIC MOORE

A 69th District judge will deliberate several evidence and witness-related issues following the first day of jury selection in Charlie William Curtis Thompson’s first-degree murder trial.

Thompson, 19, was charged in the October 2019 shooting death of John Versypt, a landlord of several Broadway building. Police arrested a second suspect in the case, Juan, in August.

Thompson was charged with first-degree murder; he will be tried in January.

Prior to jury selection, the state, represented by Assistant County Attorney Meredith Rich-Chappel, filed a motion to add two additional pieces of evidence—a ski mask and blood-splattered jeans—which was resisted by Thompson’s attorney.

The defense attorney Tyler Johnston argued that test- ing for gun residues on the ski mask and blood-splat- tered jeans on the jeans was insufficient.

“The state said absolutely no evidence connecting the ski mask to the defendant charged in this case,” Johnston said. “The only sub- stance on this ski mask is our client’s DNA—that only connects it to our client, that does not con- nect it to our crime.”

Johnston said the state could have tested the pants more extensively at a private research center, and the ski mask was only being considered for “prejudi- cial value.”

Rich-Chappel said that argument is “something that can be explained or questioned about in cross- examination.”

“The state believes that the ski mask goes to those elements of premeditation and planning,” the prosecutor said.

Also discussed was the defense’s notice to add an additional witness, Carl Johnson Jr., who reportedly had conversations with Marshall—the second suspect— during their stay in the Johnson County Jail in 2010.

After reserving an email from Iowa City private investigator Mike Smithay detailing interviews with Johnson last week, John- son said Johnson contacted with the lawyer was innocent.

“Johnson again said the state placed Johnson in jail with Marshall to ‘fish’ information from him.”

“The state calls jail- house informants a key to correct police, Johnston said. “What the state is say- ing here is that we went fishing, and we don’t like what we caught.”

But Rich-Chappel said the prosecution did not ask to have this ski mask and blood-splattered jeans jury to do for information.

“Most of our inmates are held in the Johnson County Jail,” Rich-Chappel said. “(An email received by the defense on Tuesday regarding Johnson) was the first time that I had heard of Carl Johnson.”

Several interviews between Marshall and law officials were presented as exhibits by the state. Rich- Chappel said these inter- views feature Marshall implicating both himself and Thompson in regard to the slaying of Versypt.

Judge Sean McPartland will issue a ruling on the issues prior to the trial after reviewing the docu- ments submitted.

Jury selection began around 1:30 p.m. Monday. McPartland said he wanted questions to center on whether potential jurors had heard of the case from media, word of mouth, or other sources.

Additional questioning of all jurors will continue at 9 a.m. today at the Johnson County Courthouse.
Majidreza Kham, an associate professor of political science and international relations of the University of Connecticut, was invited to the UISDS event to discuss issues in the Middle East. The lecture covered terrorism and religion after 9/11 as well as the attacks in Norway. (The Daily Iowan/Billy Bobb)
The Big Ten is in peril. It has long been the most tradition-rich conference in the country. No other conference could match the Big Ten in terms of star power or the almighty dollar. But if Delany wants to maintain its current status, he must act quickly. There is no time for waiting. The conference could lose its standing if the Big Ten can't keep its conference members, and adding new members to the league is fine with its current Leaders and Endless.

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Freshman Matt Hagan has made a big impact in a short time as a member of the Iowa tennis team.

By RYAN MURPHY

Against Pittsburgh, defense kept Iowa in the game, and many of the top contributors were first-year starters.

Sophomore liberoheakers Christian Kirksey and Anthony Hitchens combined for 15 tackles. Senior middle blocker Tanner Miller forced a tumble and registered three blocks for loss in his first career start.

Bernstein said he sees these as key defensive units.

“I can’t wait to see what’s in front of us,” he said. “I think we’re going to keep going as we keep getting better and better.”

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“I’m extremely grateful,” he said. “He’s been a tremendous influence on me, and I’m very grateful to be here.”

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