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'Bette and Boo' prepare for stage



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left to right: Matt Morrison as Matt, Heather Ovalle as Bette and James Sharinghousen as Boo act in a dress rehearsal for Clackamas' new theater production "The Marriage of Bette and Boo." The title characters attempt to reconcile after the death of a child. See story on page 5.

Obama's presidency not doing what voters hoped for

Obama's campaign promises prove to be more than he can accomplish with the Afghanistan war and healthcare bill some say that Obama can win these battles

By Abigail Neet
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War in the Obama presidency, we know he has won a Nobel Peace Prize and done a lot of golfing according to James Taranto of the Wall Street Journal. Currently Obama and his team are still deliberating their strategy towards Afghanistan. We are still at war in Afghanistan this March,

it will become America's longest lasting war. The war in Afghanistan will be even longer than the Vietnam War, to which people have made comparisons.

At the Center for Security Policy in Washington, former Vice President Dick Cheney recently stated, "The White House must stop dithering while America's armed forces are in danger. Make no mistake, signals of indecision out of Washington hurt our allies and embolden our adversaries."

October is quickly becoming the deadliest month out of the deadliest year that we have had in Afghanistan. Oct. 27 added eight more lives into the October death count and helped the death toll for that month which reached 55, as of that date.

"Afghanistan cannot be governed/occupied by Americans, period" said Dean Darris, political science instructor, in an e-mail. "We should have

learned this lesson after the Soviet Union found its graveyard in its attempt to occupy Afghanistan. This year is already the bloodiest year for American troops in this EIGHT year war, and the Pentagon has stated that it will take 'decades' to stabilize this country. This approach to Afghanistan (and Iraq) have not only led to limitless troop deployments with no success in sight, but has wrecked the American economy. Osama bin Laden, when asked if he could defeat America, said 'Al-Qaeda's only chance of victory is to hope America bankrupts itself in trying to defeat us in Afghanistan.'"

"Obama's decision to escalate American troop involvement in Afghanistan is going to have disastrous impact on the country for decades to come," Darris added.

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