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Summit, sheriff's deputies union hit stalemate

Sides unable to agree
on concession amount

By Rick Armon
Beacon Journal staff writer

Negotiations between Summit County and the union representing sheriff's deputies have broken down.

The two sides have been talking about ways to bring back 30 deputies who were laid off late last year because of budget cuts.

The union offered to take \$1.1 million worth of wage and benefit concessions, but the county administration rejected the proposal, Fraternal Order of Police representative Chuck Choate said Friday.

The county is seeking \$1.5 million, he said.

"Negotiations have ceased at this point," he said. "We're at an impasse over the dollar figure."

"We are desperate to get our people back but we can't seem to get the other side to move off the initial dime."

County Executive Russ Pry disputed the union's figures.

Pry said in a news release that the county's last offer was for 12 furlough days, equaling \$892,869 - not including \$447,004 saved so far through the layoffs. He said the county

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120 Army Reservists return to hugs, kisses
and thanks after serving in Iraq and Kuwait



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1st Lt. Jennifer Hinton-Marion greets her 3-year-old son Tristan on Friday in North Canton. She served with the U.S. Army Reserve 762nd Transportation Company in Kuwait and Iraq for a year. Her husband Christopher is the company commander.

FINALLY HOME

By Bill Lilley
Beacon Journal staff writer

NORTH CANTON:

There were plenty of greetings on hand at North Canton Middle School for 120 returning members of the Army Reserve 762nd Transportation Company.

Cut-out hands and thank-you cards covered the lockers for the soldiers' return ceremony on Friday.

The hallways offered a nice welcome, but what the soldiers really wanted to see after spending a year in Iraq and Kuwait was waiting behind the doors of the school's gymnasium.

Among those inside was 13-month-old Gavin Hattary, who wore a blue shirt with the words "My Daddy's My Hero."

His father, Spc. Adam Hattary of Navarre, worked as a truck driver.

There were many wives, including Wendy Winans of Macedonia, whose husband Spc. Jeffs Winans, also was a truck driver.

The sight of so many loved ones and supporters waiting to greet them was overwhelming.

"It was outstanding," 1st Lt. Jennifer Marion, 28, of Canton, said while she held 3-year-old son Tristan, who was dressed in matching army fatigues. "It's absolutely amazing to know that there is all the support for us."

"Regardless of how much I loved



Family and friends greet 120 Army Reservists from the 762nd Transportation Company as they return home from a year in Iraq and Kuwait.

everything else, the most important thing to me was to see Tristan. I was trying not to cry when I came into the school, but I have to admit that it was very, very difficult since I have not seen him since August."

There were some tears, of course.

"This is one of the happiest moments of my life," Marion said. "He got so big, I can't believe it. I never want to leave him again."

Marion, an executive officer, and her

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President will speak in region

Associated Press

STRONGSVILLE: President Barack Obama's third event on health care in a week will bring him to the Cleveland suburb of Strongsville on Monday.

It's not far from Medina, the hometown of an uninsured cancer patient named Natoma Canfield, whom the president has made a symbol of the need for reform. The self-employed cleaning worker wrote Obama recently about her health insurance premium, which rose to nearly \$8,500 a year and led her to drop her coverage.

Obama pitched his health-care plan this week in both Pennsylvania and Missouri.

The Strongsville event is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center. It's free and open to the public, but tickets are needed. They'll be available at the center at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Obama works to lock up votes

He delays trip to Asia
to push health overhaul

By Steven Thomma
and David Lightman
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON: President Barack Obama, claiming that momentum is building for a historic overhaul of the nation's health-insurance system, on Friday postponed a trip to Asia so he can stay in the capital next week to twist arms in Congress.

Democrats in Congress said they didn't yet have the votes locked up to pass the legislation, but they were growing more confident that they could get a package through. "We're in a good place," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

"The president feels some momentum on this issue," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said.

After facing widespread public opposition for months, Gibbs said the tide started to turn in favor of the Democratic proposal when insurance companies began announcing big increases in health-insurance premiums several weeks ago. That fueled a backlash and revived the proposals stalled in Congress, he said.

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Experts say medical tests being overused

Doctor points to Obama's physical as an example of excessive screening

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO: Too much cancer screening, too many heart tests, too many Caesarean sections. A spate of recent reports suggests

that many Americans are being overtreated. Maybe even President Barack Obama, champion of an overhaul and cost-cutting of the health-care system.

Is it doctors practicing defensive medicine? Or are pa-

tients so accustomed to a culture of medical technology that they insist on extensive tests and treatments?

A combination of both is at work, but new evidence and updated guidelines are recom-

mending a step back and more thorough doctor-patient talks about risks and benefits of tests.

Americans, including the commander in chief, need to realize that "more care is not necessarily better care," wrote cardiologist Rita Redberg, editor of Archives of Internal

Medicine. She was commenting on Obama's recent physical.

His exam included prostate cancer screening and a virtual colonoscopy. The PSA test for prostate cancer is not routinely

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