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Community remembers Chuck Davis as friend to all



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Chuck Davis holds his oldest grandson while taking a break from fishing on the Samish River near Edison in this undated photo.

BY COLETTE WEEKS
Director of Content

It's been a week since a woman lost her husband, children lost their father, siblings lost a brother and neighbors lost a friend they lovingly called "Mr. Samish Island."

On the north end of Samish Island on Friday morning, community members gathered at the home of Marlene Schuck to talk about her brother, Charles "Chuck" Davis.

"I could ask him to do anything for me. He was really a pushover."

— Allison Davis, Chuck Davis' daughter

Some cried openly as they remembered how much he meant to them and how over the years he quietly took on the mantle of community leader and caretaker.

Davis' 33-year-old son, Lane Maurice Davis, is in jail awaiting formal charges in his father's death. Chuck Davis was stabbed to death last week in what an affida-

vit describes as a domestic dispute.

"If he'd died of a heart attack, we'd be sad," Marlene Schuck said through tears. "This situation makes it so much more devastating."

Catherine Davis, who is Chuck's wife and Lane's mother, did not join the group or comment for this story. But her sister, Angie Mashaw, said Catherine

and other family members wanted to let the community know how much Chuck Davis will be missed.

Family members sent an email notice to others in their tight-knit Samish Island community to let them know a journalist was coming to hear about Chuck Davis. More than a dozen showed up to join family members, including his daughter Allison Davis, to describe his impact on their lives.

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Democrats herald agreement on Russia sanctions package

BY RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats announced Saturday that a bipartisan group of House and Senate negotiators have reached an agreement on a sweeping Russia sanctions package to punish Moscow for meddling in the presidential election and its military aggression in Ukraine and Syria.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the No. 2 House Democrat, said lawmakers had settled lingering issues with the bill, which also includes stiff economic penalties against Iran and North Korea. The sanctions targeting Russia, however, have drawn the most attention due to President Donald Trump's persistent push for warmer relations with President Vladimir Putin and ongoing investigations into Russia's interference in the 2016 campaign.

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All those programs Trump wanted to end? GOP won't end them

BY BILL DOUGLAS AND ANSHU SIRIPURAPU
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's plan to eliminate dozens of federal agencies and programs has collapsed, as a conservative Republican Congress refuses to go along.

Among the programs spared are agencies promoting rural business development and the arts, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Community Development Block Grants and the National Wildlife Refuge Fund. Those and many others are getting money in bills approved by the GOP-run House appropriations committee. The House plans to vote on spending bills throughout next week, and the Senate is expected to consider spending plans shortly.

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ANALYSIS

Health care in U.S. is costly and not always the most effective. Why?

BY MELISSA ETEHAD
AND KYLE KIM
Los Angeles Times

Despite repeated attempts by Senate Republicans to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, the health care debate in Washington appears to have collapsed — for now.

The U.S. has much room for improvement when it comes to

health care, experts said. "The U.S. spends more on health care, but we don't have the same health outcomes" as other countries, said Cynthia Cox, associate director at Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization that researches national health issues.

Americans have long voiced their disillusionment with a system that many experts have warned does not meet the health

needs of its population.

But while lawmakers engaged in heated back-and-forth debates in recent months over how to reform the U.S. health care system — ending in a lack of sufficient votes on Monday to make changes — many countries have managed to get it right for years and enjoy a stable health care system.

Viewed from a global perspective, the current U.S. health care

impasse underscores just how poor health outcomes for people in the U.S. are when compared with other countries.

In 2015, the U.S. spent almost three times on health care as the average of other countries with comparable incomes, according to data from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, also known as OECD, a group of 35 countries, the majority of which have ad-

vanced economies, that works to promote economic development.

And despite spending more, the U.S. results don't necessarily yield better health. Both Italy and Britain, for example, spent at least \$5,000 less per person than the U.S. on health care, and yet the population of each of those countries has a higher life expectancy at birth than the U.S.

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