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At U.N., U.S. at odds with China, Russia over North Korea sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo warned members of the United Nations Security Council on Thursday that they must "set the example" by enforcing sanctions on North Korea as China and Russia suggested the council consider easing the tough measures.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks as he chairs a meeting of the United Nations Security Council held during the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters in New York, U.S., September 27, 2018. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

China and Russia said the council should reward Pyongyang for the "positive developments" this year with U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un having met in June and Kim pledging to work toward denuclearization.

Pompeo chaired a meeting of the 15-member council on the sidelines of the annual U.N. gathering of world leaders after meeting with his North Korean counterpart Ri Yong-ho on Wednesday. Pompeo plans to travel to Pyongyang next month.

But until Pyongyang gives up its nuclear weapons program, Pompeo said: "Enforcement of Security Council sanctions must continue vigorously and without fail until we realize the fully, final, verified denuclearization." "The members of the council must set the example on that effort," Pompeo said.

Earlier this month, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley accused Russia of cheating on U.N.

sanctions on North Korea.

The Security Council has unanimously boosted sanctions since 2006 in a bid to choke off funding for Pyongyang's nuclear and ballistic missile programs. The Chinese government's top diplomat Wang Yi noted that there are provisions in Security Council resolutions for the body to modify sanctions if North Korea complies.

He said that "given the positive developments" China believed the council "needs to consider invoking in due course this provision to encourage the DPRK and other relevant parties to move denuclearization further ahead," using North Korea's official name of Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

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However, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan said later on Thursday that the council resolutions on North Korea do not provide for any exceptions. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov backed his Chinese colleague. Lavrov said that "any negotiation is a two-way street. Steps by the DPRK towards gradual disarmament should be followed by the easing of sanctions."



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Ten years after onset of Great Recession, how are U.S. retirees doing?

CHICAGO (Reuters) - This month marks 10 years since one of the most dramatic events of the financial crisis - the collapse of the Lehman Brothers investment bank. In the financial crash and Great Recession that followed, millions of Americans lost their homes and jobs and saw their prospects for a secure retirement damaged.

Retirees greet each other at a Saturday night dance in Sun City, Arizona, January 5, 2013. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson A decade later, the economy has recovered by most standard measures - the stock market is making record highs, unemployment is at a 50-year low point, gross domestic product is rising sharply and consumer confidence is at an 18-year high.



Demonstrators chant before being arrested as they protest against U.S. Supreme Court decision on gay marriage - and workers close to retirement. The bubble in housing markets preceding the financial

crisis was the main cause of the economic downturn. Housing remains a critical component of retirement security, since home equity is a more important component of net worth than financial assets for older households.

The Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University (JCHS) reports that 59 percent of households aged 55-64 owned retirement accounts in 2016, but 74 percent owned their primary homes. Among households aged 65-74, some 50 percent owned retirement accounts, and 79 percent owned their primary homes. In August, real housing prices (adjusted for non-housing inflation) were 9 percent below where they were in 2006, according to Jonathan Spader, senior research associate at the JCHS. "Real prices are the most relevant for retirement security," he noted, "since it reflects how much housing a dollar actually buys, and what you have available to tap as home equity." You might well expect housing values to remain lower than when the bubble burst - and some parts of the country have seen prices recover much more strongly than others. But home owner-

ship data for pre-retirees points to a more worrisome trend.

The foreclosure crisis following the bubble's collapse had a relatively small impact on retired households (aged 65 or older) — home ownership fell at the smallest rate for any age group - down from 81 percent in 2004 to 79 percent in 2017, JCHS data shows. But among households aged 55 to 64, the home-ownership rate fell from 82 percent in 2004 to 75 percent in 2017. "That's a troubling figure, because it suggests a much larger group of people will hit retirement age without home equity," Spader said. Seniors who do not own homes also will be subject to the volatility of rental costs, which have spiked in recent years and show no signs of slowing down. Nearly one-third of all households were cost-burdened in 2016, JCHS reports, meaning they paid more than 30 percent of their incomes for housing; among renters, 47 percent were cost-burdened.

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Julius Whittier, Texas football trailblazer, dies at 68

By Nick Moyle

AUSTIN – Julius Whittier, the first African-American athlete to letter in football at Texas, died Tuesday morning at the age of 68. He was among the first black athletes in the nation to receive a football scholarship when he came to Texas from San Antonio Highlands High School in 1969. Whittier, a stalwart offensive tackle, was a member of three straight Southwest Conference Championship teams (1970-72) and won a national title in 1970. Whittier was inducted into the Long-

horn Hall of Honor in 2013 and San Antonio San Antonio Independent School District Hall of Fame this past August. He graduated from Texas with an undergraduate degree in philosophy and earned a graduate degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs in 1976. He later completed his law degree at Texas and went on to work as a senior prosecutor in the Dallas County District Attorney's office before retiring in 2012 amid failing health. Whittier was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease and his mental state continued to deteriorate, leading up to his death on Sept. 25, 2018. In 2014, his sister, Mildred, filed a class-action lawsuit on Julius' behalf

against the NCAA in U.S. District Court. The suit seeks up to \$50 million in damages for players from 1960-2014 who did not go on to play in the NFL and who have been diagnosed with a latent brain injury or disease. "He continually spoke of how he was trained to block, using his head," Mildred told the Express-News in September 2017. "For someone who was as brilliant and as vital as my brother, it's just sad. I've cried so much, I don't think I can cry anymore." Staff writer Mike Finger contributed to this report.



Former Texas Longhorn Julius Whittier. Whittier, a member of three SWC title teams and the Longhorns' 1970 national title team, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018, at the age of 68.

'Tacos of Texas' docuseries served up on YouTube, Houston episode on next week's menu

The Lone Star State's favorite dish is the focus of a new docuseries that just premiered online. "The Tacos of Texas" stars Mando Rayo and Jarod Neece, the "taco journalists" who wrote two of the most-popular books about our favorite tortilla-wrapped food, had its digital premiere on YouTube this week. The seven-episode series is being carried by Indie Lens Storycast, a YouTube channel launched in partnership with PBS Digital Studios. The Indie Lens Storycast channel also has series on all-girls robotics teams, foster families, and quinceañeras. Rayo and Neece wrote the loving odes "The Tacos of Texas" and "Austin Breakfast Tacos: The Story of the Most Important Taco of the Day," both drool-worthy tomes. They serve as co-hosts for the show. Every episode will premiere on Taco Tuesday. How's that for pinpoint synergy?

The first episode is all about migas tacos in Austin and how taco culture impacts Texas' state capital, going all the way back to the City Plan of 1928 which forced most Hispanic and African-American families to an area east of I-35. That made the interstate in a sense a wall between two distinct areas of Austin. Mando Rayo and Jarod Neece, the team behind the books, "The Tacos of Texas" and "Austin Breakfast Tacos: The Story of the Most Important Taco of the Day," set off to explore iconic tacos in cities throughout the Lone Star State in the seven-episode documentary series. Photo: Tacos Of Texas/Robert Gomez. Photo: Tacos Of Texas/Robert Gomez Mando Rayo and Jarod Neece, the team behind the books, "The Tacos of Texas" and "Austin Breakfast Tacos: The Story of the Most Important Taco of the Day," set off to explore iconic tacos in cities throughout the Lone Star State in the seven-episode documentary series.



A new YouTube series called "The Tacos of Texas" dives into taco culture across the Lone Star State. The next episode focuses on Houston and premieres online on Oct. 2.

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Residential buildings are seen in Zurich Switzerland September 27, 2018. REUTERS/Arnd Wiegmann



Cast member Williams poses at a photo call for the movie "Venom" in Los Angeles



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Guinea-Bissau's President Jose Mario Vaz addresses the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters in New York

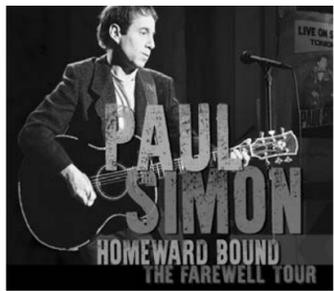
Paul Simon ended his final concert tour under a moonlit sky on home turf Saturday, telling an audience in a Queens, N.Y. park that their cheers "mean more than you can know."

Simon performed at Flushing Meadows Corona Park, which he said was a 20-minute bicycle ride from where he grew up, ending the landmark night with his first big hit, "The Sound of Silence."

The 76-year-old Simon isn't retiring, and hasn't ruled out occasional future performances. But he's said this is his last time out on the road, and he isn't alone among his peers; Elton John and Kiss are also doing goodbye swings.

New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio introduced Simon, calling him "one of the greatest New York City artists of all time." The return to New York raised memories of Simon's two iconic shows in Manhattan's Central Park, in 1981 with former partner Art Garfunkel and in 1991 on his own.

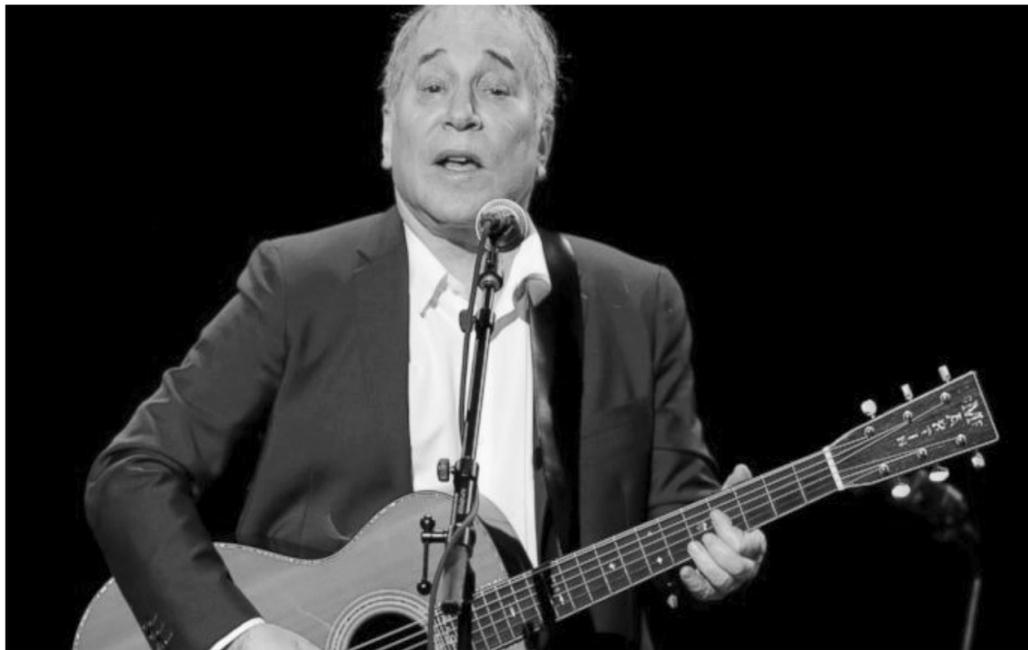
Simon didn't directly address the special nature of this occasion, and his only guest was wife Edie Brickell, who came out to whistle the solo in "Me and Julio Down By the Schoolyard." But there were many references to familiar surroundings, like when he paused and beamed at an airplane descending over the park as he prepared to sing "Homeward Bound."



"Welcome to New York," he said. When Simon finished singing "Kodachrome," with its memorable line about

Music Legend Paul Simon Wraps Up Farewell Tour Back Home

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



On Sept. 22, 2016, musician Paul Simon performs during the Global Citizen Festival, in New York. Simon wraps up his farewell concert tour Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 at a park in Queens, a bicycle ride across the borough from where he grew up. The 76-year-old singer picked Flushing Meadows Corona Park to say goodbye, an outdoor show on the first night of autumn. (Photo/AP)

"the crap I learned in high school," he said, "take that, Forest Hills High School."

But, he conceded, "I actually had a good time there."

The crowd cheered when Simon sang about the "queen of Corona" in "Me & Julio Down By the Schoolyard."

"How much fun is it to sing a song about Corona in Corona?" he said.

The former high school baseball player brought out a glove and a ball, saying he wanted to play catch. He twice threw the ball into the audience and the return throws sailed over his head. But on the third, Simon caught a perfect strike.



His 26-song set spanned more than 50 years. A staple of the 1960s folk-rock scene with Garfunkel, Simon explored music from around the world as a solo

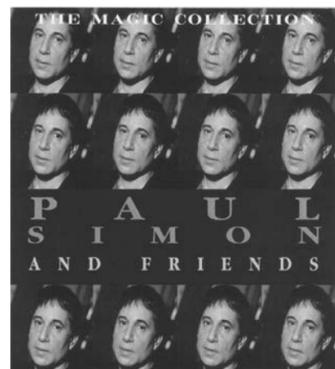
The only references to Garfunkel were a couple of fleeting pictures during a nostalgic montage on the video screen. As Simon prepared to sing "Bridge Over Troubled Water," he said that "I'm going to reclaim my lost child." He had originally given the giant hit to Garfunkel to sing.

An often dour performer, Simon has been animated and talkative during the final shows. He seems eager for the freedom that awaits him, said Robert Hilburn, who wrote the biography "Paul Simon: A Life" that was released this spring.



"The thing that strikes me is that he's been happy, relieved," Hilburn said. "There's a burden off of him."

During an earlier show in Portland, Oregon, Simon playfully "penalized" himself for flubbing the lyrics to one song by singing an old Simon & Garfunkel hit he confessed to hating: "The 59th Street Bridge Song (Feelin' Groovy)." (Courtesy https://abcnews.go.com/)



artist. His band contained guitarists from Nigeria and South Africa, and a classical sextet. His recent work has been his most musically challenging, and in a new disc he revisits overlooked songs from the past four decades. He's a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member for both stages of his career.

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President Trump Issues Call To Action On Drug Crisis At UN General Assembly

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On Monday, the president and Ambassador Nikki Haley sat before the United Nations and said the opioid epidemic is a problem that affects not only the United States, but every country around the world.

He added, we commit to fighting the vicious transnational cartels together.

The president then said it's time to cut off the production and supply of illicit drugs, promote treatment, and partner with allied nations to stamp out illegal trafficking.

The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres thanked the president for his leadership on the drug crisis.

Trump vowed Monday to work with the United Nations and its member countries to fight drug trafficking and addiction across the globe. "The scourge of drug addiction continues to claim too many lives in the United States and in nations around the world. Today, we commit to fighting the drug epidemic together," Mr. Trump told U.N. diplomats at a meeting of the Global Call to Action on the World Drug Problem.

"Illicit drugs are linked to organized crime, illegal financial flows, corruption, and terrorism," Mr. Trump said. "It's vital for public health and national security that we fight drug addiction and stop all forms of trafficking and smuggling that provide the financial lifeblood for vicious transnational cartels."



U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres

U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres applauded Mr. Trump for "focusing a global spotlight on the world drug problem," adding, "we have never needed it more."



President Donald Trump talks to Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, at the United Nations General Assembly, Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, at U.N. Headquarters. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

Global production of opioids and cocaine has reached an all-time high, with 31 million people around the world requiring treatment for drug use and 450,000 people dying every year from overdoses or drug-related health issues, Guterres told the conference. He called the U.S. opioid crisis "heartbreaking." Drug overdoses killed 70,652 people in the U.S. in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The U.N. is urging member countries to adopt a two-track approach to reducing drug abuse and addiction, Guterres said, by both cracking down on traffickers and increasing treatment for addicts. Sharing intelligence among member states, he said, will help the crackdown, and Guterres urged U.N. members to work together to deny safe haven to drug traffickers, pursue kingpins and dismantle their networks.

Despite campaign promises and a high-level focus on international drug

trafficking, Mr. Trump has slashed the U.S. counter-narcotics budget by cutting back on personnel at the State Department and other agencies who fight the international drug trade.

"One of the clearest constraints imposed by these cuts is on our ability to counter global threats, including narcotics," Brett Bruen, a former White House official who now teaches at Georgetown University, told CBS News.



Drug addiction is a global problem.

noted that the U.S. has spent \$8.6 billion to fight drug trafficking in Afghanistan since 2002, yet the country remains the world's largest opium producer.

Opening the president's week at the U.N. with the counter-narcotics event gave a positive start to his presence at the world body as it is one of the rare areas where the vast majority of U.N. members are on the same side as the United States.

The president voiced unusual support for the world body, telling the conference, "I've always said the United Nations has tremendous potential, and that potential is being met. Slowly but surely, it's being met."

Mr. Trump will address the General Assembly's 193 member nations Tuesday morning and chair a Security Council meeting Wednesday, his first time wielding the U.N. gavel. Mr. Trump is also scheduled to hold one-on-one meetings with the leaders of South Korea, Egypt, France, Israel, Japan and the U.K.

"It's sort of like speed dating," Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., said last week of the president's schedule. (Courtesy https://www.cbsnews.com)

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World Leaders Laughed at Trump at the UN Out of 'Respect': Nikki Haley 'They loved how honest he is,' claimed the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.



Nikki Haley, U.S. ambassador to the

United Nations, speaks during a Security Council meeting at United Nations headquarters, April 13, 2018.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley claimed on Fox News that U.S. President Donald Trump's speech at the United Nations General Assembly only drew laughs because the world leaders in the crowd "loved his honesty" and "respect" him.

"They loved how honest he is," Haley said in all seriousness while discussing the laughter Trump drew in reaction to him boasting his administration has done more than almost any in history. "It's not diplomatic and they find it funny. ... When he goes and he is very truthful, they kind of were taken back by it."

"All day yesterday, they were falling over themselves to get a picture with him, to talk about how great his speech was," she continued. "They love that he's honest with them and they've never seen anything like it, so there's respect there. I saw that the media was trying to make it something disrespectful. That's not what it was — they love to be with him."



Trump also tried to spin the reaction yesterday, telling reporters that his boastful comment was meant to draw laughter.

"Oh, it was great," he said. "Well, that was meant to get some laughter, but it was great." (Courtesy https://www.haaretz.com/)

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