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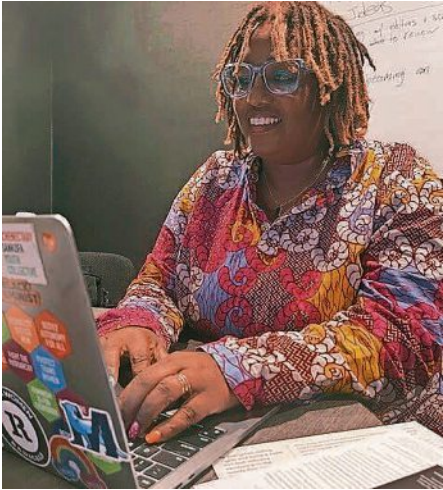
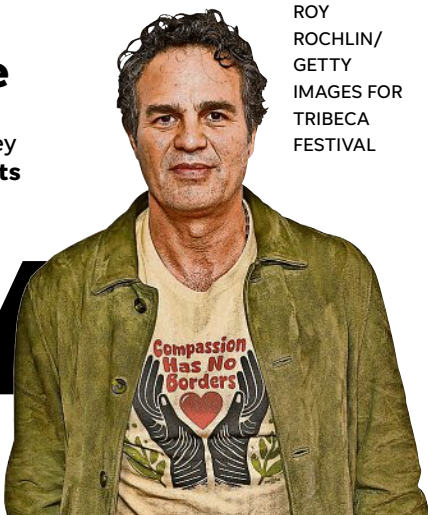
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Kijua Sanders-McMurtry is vice president for Equity and Inclusion at Mount Holyoke College.

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Civil rights  
leaders aim  
to preserve  
real history

Project equips educators  
with tools for teaching

Deborah Barfield Berry  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – As some educators pull back from teaching Black history, college professor Kijua Sanders-McMurtry is taking a different path.

This summer, during a conference break, she typed furiously on a syllabus for a course she's teaching this fall on women in the Civil Rights Movement.

"This is the time that students want to learn about the Civil Rights Movement. They want to know these stories," said Sanders-McMurtry, who teaches a first-year seminar at Mount Holyoke College, a women's liberal arts college in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

She was one of nearly two dozen educators and veterans of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) who met in Washington this summer to talk about ways to teach college students and others about the Civil Rights Movement. The three-day summit hosted by the SNCC Legacy Project aimed to equip educators with tools to teach about the pivotal movement that changed the country.

Organizers said the effort comes at a critical time, as the Trump administration and others push back against the teaching of Black history and adopt restrictions about what can be taught in classrooms and institutions, including museums.

"It's a way for us to rescue the history and keep it from being erased," said Geri Augusto, a SNCC Legacy Project board member and a professor at Brown University. "We are determined for that not to happen, so this is one of the ways that we see as part of the legacy of SNCC. We will not let our history be erased or not be taught."

Teaching and preserving truth

On the lower level of a hotel here, educators listened on July 29 as professors explained the college-level courses they developed. Civil rights veterans also talked about their work with local activists in the 1960s to register Black residents to vote and protest against discrimination.

On a table up front were stacks of books written by veterans of the Civil

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Whatever happened to cheap fast food?

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Prices dull  
our appetite

Betty Lin-Fisher USA TODAY

Fast-food restaurants, once the first stop for Americans looking to get at least one meal in before a long workday, are fighting to win back customers.

• Breakfast sales across the fast-food sector have seen declines, the leaders of McDonald's and Wendy's said in earnings calls in early August. Families are reevaluating whether the quick trip to the drive-through is worth the price, too, experts told USA TODAY. • In response, some chains are adjusting prices. But, with Americans once again feeling the effects of inflation, it's unclear whether the moves will be enough to bring back customers anytime soon.

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Fast-food restaurants, such as McDonald's, are finding themselves losing customers and are trying to win them back with value meal offerings and innovation. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

"The question is whether the price cuts are enough. Prices are still very elevated ... and it is spooking the consumer."

Neil Saunders  
Analyst for GlobalData

Trump's  
migrant  
policies  
set back

Deportations blocked  
in three federal cases

Lauren Villagran  
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump has suffered three major legal setbacks in recent days that experts say could put his plans for mass deportation at risk – at least until a higher court steps in.

Over the week bridging August and September, federal judges in separate cases have ruled against Trump's immigration enforcement tactics and sided with immigrant advocates who have challenged their legality.

Judges blocked the deportation of some migrant children who crossed the border alone; forbade the rapid removal of immigrants who have been in the country for more than two years; and stopped the administration's use of an arcane law to deport suspected gang members without due process.

Trump administration officials and supporters have slammed the decisions of "activist judges" who they say are overstepping their authority to prevent the president's enforcement of the nation's immigration laws.

The one-two-three judicial punches could risk Trump's plans to deport

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Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and Barack Obama are the only three U.S. presidents awarded the Nobel Peace Prize while in office. REUTERS

Despite wars,  
Trump hypes  
his worthiness  
for Nobel Prize

Francesca Chambers  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – He's begged and he's pleaded. He's cajoled and he's threatened.

Yet, more than seven months into his term, President Donald Trump has been unable to end two of the world's bloodiest ongoing conflicts.

At one end, Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has ignored deadline after deadline to end his war against Ukraine and joined authoritarian leaders recently in China for a massive show of force against the West.

At the other, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose military offensive in Gaza has been accompanied by famine and has driven a

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Trump, European leaders  
to meet over Ukraine

President says he will talk to Russia's Putin "soon" about ending war. **2A**



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