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MAXWELL DEFENDS EPSTEIN TO DOJ



Ghislaine Maxwell's defense attorney David Markus has said he hopes President Donald Trump will exercise the pardon power "in the right and just way." ALICIA DEVINE/TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Says she never witnessed inappropriate behavior

Aysha Bagchi USA TODAY

There were no bombshells in newly released transcripts and audio files from the Justice Department's July interviews with convicted sex offender and Jeffrey Epstein associate Ghislaine Maxwell.

The department touted the interviews as part of its effort to increase transparency regarding disgraced financier Epstein

The materials released Aug. 22 probably won't satisfy people who insist Ep-

stein maintained a list of powerful clients who participated in a sex trafficking ring as he rubbed shoulders with some of the world's most rich and powerful men. The Trump administration has faced outrage from members of President Donald Trump's base for refusing to release its files on Epstein.

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No MI businesses face fed charges over hiring undocumented workers

Dave Boucher

Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

A little after noon on Aug. 3, a 32-yearold man from Honduras accidentally drove onto the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit. When he turned around, immigration officials stopped him. He told them he was "on his way home from a construction job he had just completed and traveled onto the bridge to Canada by mistake."

He was charged with entering the country illegally and will likely be deported. Yet federal prosecutors have not

charged his employer, or any other business owners, with knowingly hiring undocumented workers in Michigan.

The Free Press found federal prosecutors in Michigan have yet to bring

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APS classes get \$105K in grants

Funding to boost literacy, STEAM

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USA TODAY NETWORK

The Adrian Schools Educational Foundation is distributing \$105,519 in grants to staff for 2025-26.

The funds will back nearly 100 initiatives, allowing teachers to incorporate new resources and learning opportunities into their classrooms, according to a community announcement.

Many of the projects focus on literacy development, social-emotional learning and STEAM.

"Each year, the passion and innovation behind these grant applications remind us how committed APS staff are to enriching student learning," wrote ASEF Executive Director Jenny Engle. "Their dedication to educational innovation

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