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Blue Rocks games remain popular draw

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DE faces questions over ICE subpoena

Confidential state employee data sought

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Delaware's attempt to sidestep a subpoena demanding confidential state employer data sought by Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigators was met with intense skepticism by a federal judge in Wilmington April 1.

Attorneys representing Delaware's Department of Labor appeared in court to argue against federal attorneys' efforts to have the court compel the state to comply with a subpoena issued by ICE investigators early last year.

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The Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office visitors entrance at 114 N. Eighth Street in Philadelphia on Aug. 1, 2025. DANIELLA HEMINGHAUS/BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES

Trump fires Bondi as U.S. attorney general

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump fired Attorney General Pam Bondi after several investigations of his perceived enemies were thwarted and her handling of files related to accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein came under criticism.

"Pam Bondi is a Great American Patriot and a loyal friend, who faithfully served as my Attorney General over the past year," Trump said in a social media post. He said she would be moving to "a much needed and important new job in the private sector."

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Residents, protesters push back on new tents



Protesters blocked a forklift trying to install pallets at a homeless encampment at Christina Park on April 1. The group stands with residents who do not want to leave their existing tents. PHOTOS BY DAMIAN GILETTO/DELAWARE NEWS JOURNAL

Park includes designated zone for homeless people

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Wilmington's effort to build city-bought tents in Christina Park met resistance from park residents and some protesters on a hot afternoon on April 1.

The city of Wilmington purchased 105 tents to land on wooden pallets that will replace the existing ones at Christina Park, which includes a designated zone for people experiencing homelessness in the city. White lines laid out a grid in the park's baseball outfield as the sun beat down on volunteers, public officials and park residents. Not all of the tents were built on April 1.

As the sun grew higher and the unseasonable heat grew hotter, tensions slowly rose in the park. Residents yelled about not wanting the new tents. One resident, Aaron Cason, played Twisted Sister's "We're Not Going to Take It" over a Bluetooth speaker.

The tents are meant to bring order, cleanliness and safety to the park, the



The city of Wilmington brought in pallets, tents and cots for unsheltered people planning to live in Christina Park on April 1.

city said. Volunteers with local nonprofit Friendship House helped build green tents that were 9.3 feet by 9.3 feet and almost 6 feet tall. Other volunteers from local political groups arrived to bring

supplies like water and snacks while assisting cleanup efforts, before they became protesters.


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"This new set up was determined with one goal in mind: to support order and safety for everyone at the park, particularly to allow emergency personnel to more easily locate and assist folks in need."

Mayor John Carney's office

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