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GOP split on Miller's ascension

Some think immigration policy has gone too far

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Greg Bovino has been waiting nine months for this.

As Border Patrol commander, he became the swaggering face of President Donald Trump's street-level immigration sweeps, leading agents through Los Angeles, Chicago and, finally, Minneapolis, where the killing of two U.S. citizens by federal officers in January sparked national outcry, set off a political storm and ended his time in the field. He retired in March, convinced that the administration had lost its nerve.

So when Trump announced Nov. 6 that Stephen Miller, formerly the White House's deputy chief of staff for policy and homeland security adviser, would become his new chief of staff, Bovino saw a correction – and vindication.

"I think President Trump finally realizes he got duped, and he brought in the individual who was actually telling him the truth the whole time," Bovino said in an interview with USA TODAY.

Not all politicians in Washington share that view. Miller's promotion came three days after an election in which Democrats won control of both chambers of Congress, and in which nearly 6 in 10 voters told exit pollsters the administration's immigration enforcement had gone too far. Some Republican lawmakers have blamed Miller, who designed and directed much of that enforcement, for turning what had been one of the party's strongest issues into a liability.

"Horrible decision," Rep. Marlin Stutzman of Indiana, one of several Republicans who called for Miller's firing in the days after the vote, told USA TODAY of Trump's move.

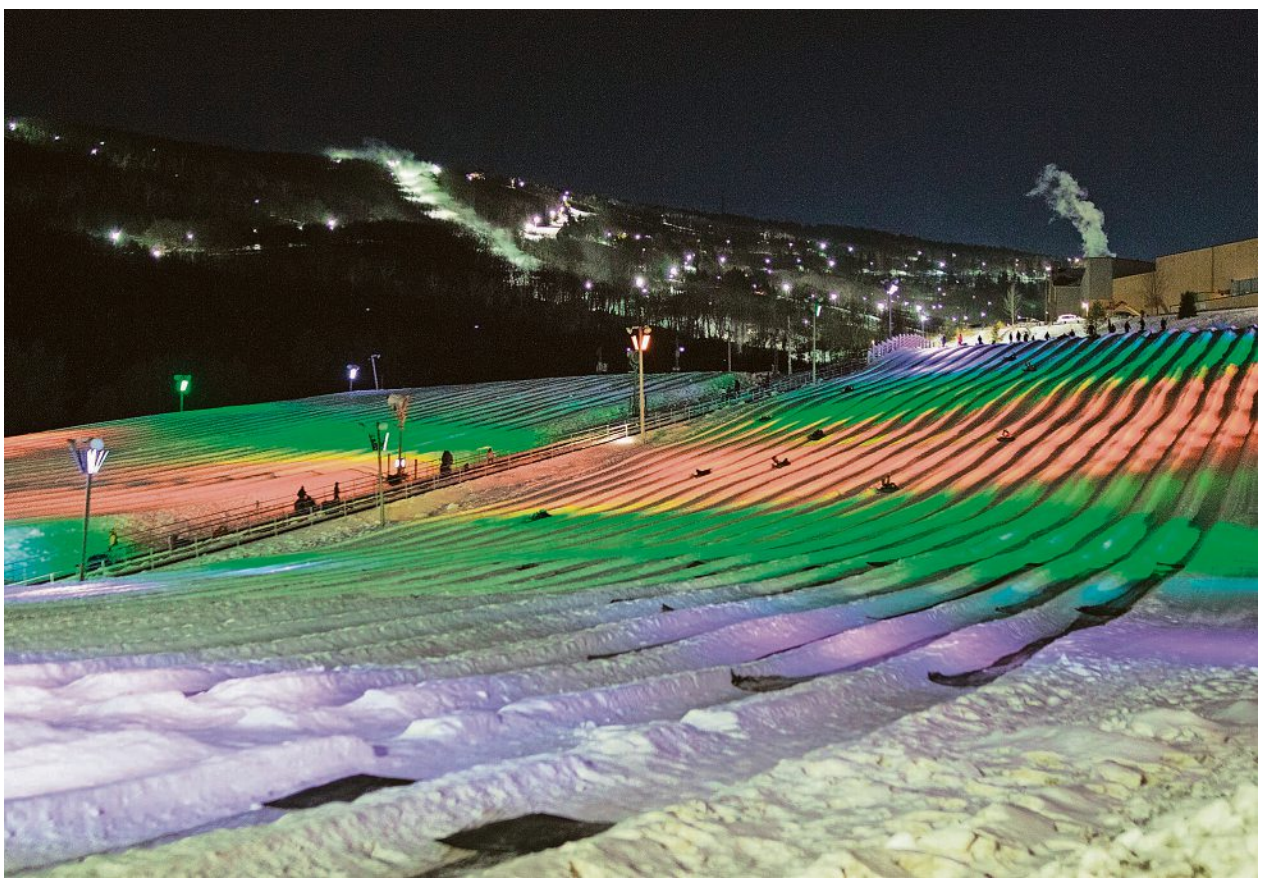
To Democrats, business leaders and immigrant advocates, the pick was proof that Trump intended to double down. Sen. Alex Padilla of California, who in a

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As deputy chief of staff for policy and homeland security adviser, Stephen Miller drafted the executive orders President Donald Trump signed on his first day back in office, including one to end birthright citizenship. ANNABELLE GORDON/REUTERS FILE

Camelback again ranks No. 1 for snow tubing



Camelback Resort was voted as the No. 1 Best Place for Snow Tubing in the USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards for 2026, topping the list for the fourth year in a row, in addition to being listed as the second Best Ski School. PROVIDED BY ANDRE NORDHEIM

Resort ranked second best for ski school

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Camelback Resort has made it to the top of the mountain again, scoring two spots in the USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards for 2026.

For the fourth year in a row, Camelback, 193 Resort Drive, Tannersville, was voted as the number one Best Place for Snow Tubing, in addition to ranking as the second top choice for Best Ski School.

Nominations for the awards are made by expert panels, vetted by 10BEST editors, and then voted on by the public, all to honor standout destinations, businesses, and experiences across travel, food and drink, and lifestyle.

And thanks to numerous lanes, quick lifts, and fun nighttime options, Camelback scored the top honor for snowtubing afficionados.

As the list states, not everyone is game for skiing or snowboarding, "and not all snow lovers have the time or gear to hit the slopes. That's part of what makes snow tubing so irresistible," no matter if you're a first-timer or a seasoned veteran of the slopes.

"With two-hour sessions and over 40 lanes to choose from, there's never a dull moment when snow tubing at Camelback Resort in the Poconos," the entry reads.

"Guests can line up side by side to race against family or friends, and things get totally tubular with the resort's nighttime galactic snow tubing experience."

Blue Mountain Resort (1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton) came in at No. 5 for Best Place for Snow Tubing.

"Home to the largest snow tubing park in the nation, Blue Mountain Resort wows visitors with 56 separate lanes and a wide range of specialized sessions available throughout the week," the entry says. "Guests can enjoy classic tubing during daylight

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Reserve your Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant

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Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and if you feel like ditching the holiday stress this year, we've got you covered.

Too burned out to roast a whole turkey, or perhaps you simply don't want to make a green bean casserole in 2026?

Thankfully, there are plenty of options in the Poconos for everyone's favorite culinary holiday, whether you want to go out for a meal, or just pick up something to enjoy at home.

And we're not talking about grocery store chain meal deals, here: These options are aimed at those who enjoy home-cooked quality with plenty of delicious entrees, sides, and, of course, desserts.

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