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#### Key Trump aide, defender Conway doesn't care when critics lash out

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ALPINE, N.J. Mark "Markie" DeMarco had a problem. He was obese, tipping the scale at almost 400 pounds, he says. He was also shy, an easy target for bullies on the football team at his south Jersey high school

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No one came to his defense, except a brainy field hockey player who happened to be his cousin, Kellyanne Conway.

As DeMarco tells the story — and Conway, now the protective if slightly gaffe-prone special counsel to President Trump, confirmed — in the mid-1980s she ordered the football team to leave her overweight cousin alone. To DeMarco's surprise, he never was bullied again.

Today. DeMarco, 50 and a successful businesses contractor in the Atlantic City area, recalls the story as a barometer of why

Conway has emerged as one of

Kellvanne Conway, at her home in Alpine, N.J.,

spends weekdays in Washing-ton, D.C.

Conway shas emerged as one of Trump's most trusted advisers and also why she continues to court trouble.

"Kellyanne wasn't afraid of anything or anyone." DeMarco said. "To think Kelly is afraid is laughable. Kellyanne, in spirit, can be much bigger than some of the biggest offensive and defensive linemen on the football teams. She had force with her words. Her spirit was strong. People listened to her."

People are still listening, nota by President Trump.

Conway, 50, who lives less than 2 miles from the Hudson River in Alpine, N.J., with her husband and four children, is considered one of the most powerful political operatives in the Republican Party. She not only is the first woman in U.S. history to guide a winning presidential campaign but also has emerged as one of Trump's closest advisers — with a nickname of the "Trump whisperer."

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# **Meals on** Wheels buzz has a flaw

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WASHINGTON President
Trump's first budget proposal
to Congress last week specifically identified steep cuts to
hundreds of domestic programs, but Meals on Wheels
wasn't one of them.

The popular program
which mainly uses volunteer
drivers to provide hot meals to
older Americans across the
country — doesn't directly receive federal funding. As
Trump's budget director, Mick
Mulvaney, told reportess
Thursday: "Meals on Wheels is
not a federal program."

Trump budget's impact on iconic program to help seniors is far from certain because it doesn't get direct federal funding



Nevertheless, Meals on Wheels quickly became the poster child for the impact of Trump's cuts. Even before the Nevertheless, Meals Trump's cuts. Even before the budget's release, Rep, Keith Ellison, D-Minn, tweeted that Trump had called for the "elimination" of Meals on Wheels, and the Congressional Progressive Caucus quickly dubbed it the 'Starvation Budget.' The truth' Trump's budget calls for the elimination of one program that some of the nation's 5,000 Meals on Wheels groups rely on: community de-

tion's 5,000 Meals on Wheels groups rely on: community development block grants, a \$3 billion program that started in the Ford administration to give states and cities more flexibility in how they combat poverty.

But Trump's proposal—known as the "skimy budget" because it's the first, vague outline of a more formal submission to come—is largely silent about the program that provides the vast majority of federal funding for senior services.

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Jack Zimmer delivers a meal to Mar-tha Scott in 2014 as a volunteer for the Commu-nity Emer-gency Assis-tance Pro-

## T-Rex could make Monopoly nerds forget about thimble

Hasbro shakes up iconic game pieces

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Everyone has their favorite Monopoly token, but those who tend to reach for the wheelbar-row, thimble or boot token might have to pick a new favorite game piece.

tokens this fall.

The iconic game pieces met their fate after millions of fans toted on which eight tokens they'd like to see in the next version of the game during Monopoly Token Madness Vote in January, Hasbro said in a statement.

January, Hasbio Sale II. In ment.

So who made the cut? The Scottie dog, top hat, car, battle-ship, cat, T-Rex, rubber ducky and penguin tokens are the eight game pieces that will be featured in the

row, tımıble or boot token might have to pick a new favorite game next generation of the game. In mid-February, fans learned the thimble's days were numwheelbarrow will be replaced by the game maker waited T-Rex, rubber ducky and penguin until two days before Sunday's

MONOPOLY'S NEW TOKENS: MAKE WAY FOR THE T-REX



World Monopoly Day to reveal that two other iconic pieces were also getting the axe.

"The next generation of tokens clearly represents the interests of our fans around the world, and we're proud to have our iconic game impacted by the people that feel most passionate about playing it," Jonathan Berkowitz, senior vice president of marketing for Hasbro Gaming, said in a statement.

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The last time a token was dropped and a new one added was in 2013. The oh-so-exciting iron was dropped in favor of a cat to-ken. The Scottie dog was added in 1050