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THE PRESIDENCY

After Republican outcry, Trump deletes racist video of Obamas

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President Donald Trump posted a blatantly racist video clip portraying former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama as apes, then deleted it after an unusually strong outcry from members of his own party.

The clip, set to “The Lion Sleeps Tonight,” was spliced near the end of a 62-second video that promoted conspiracy theories about the 2020 election and was posted late Thursday by Trump. It was the latest in a pattern by Trump of promoting offensive imagery and slurs about Black Americans and others.

“It’s the most racist thing I’ve seen out of this White House. The president should remove it.”

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the Senate’s only Black Republican

The decision to delete the link from his social media site was an unusual walk-back by Trump, whose own press secretary just hours earlier had brushed off criticism of the video as “fake outrage” and made no attempt to distance the president from it.

“This is from an internet meme video depicting President Trump as the king of the jungle and Democrats as characters from ‘The Lion King,’” press secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement, before the clip was deleted. “Please stop the fake outrage and report on something today

that actually matters to the American public.”

Trump offered no immediate explanation for taking down the video, but one person familiar with the decision said that a “staffer” had posted the clip without the president’s knowledge. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the decision-making.

The clip was in line with Trump’s history of making degrading remarks about people of color, women and immigrants, and he has for years taken aim at the Obamas in particular. Across Trump’s administration, racist images and slogans have become common on official government websites and social media accounts, with the White House, Labor Department

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Owner J.M. Pohorsky poses Wednesday at the bar in Scooter’s Pub, 6200 S. Rainbow Blvd. Scooter’s, home to the Las Vegas Sea Hawks Booster Club, is preparing for Super Bowl festivities — and a packed house of Seattle fans — this weekend.

THE BIG GAME

Super Bowl fever grips Scooter’s Pub, a Las Vegas stronghold for Seattle fans

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Scooter’s Pub in Las Vegas has become the go-to viewing destination for Seattle Seahawks fans on game day.

The bar’s popularity is undeniable: When \$20 tickets went on sale for Sunday’s Super Bowl matchup pitting the Seahawks against the New England Patriots, all 250 spots sold out within days.

“It’s pretty cool that we have one team that everybody supports here,” said bar owner J.M. Pohorsky. “We have a pretty good group of core people that come no matter what.”

Pohorsky adopted the Seahawks as the bar’s team about 15 years ago and has followed them closely ever since. “It’s definitely good for business when they’re winning,” he added.

Take Jan. 25, when Seattle beat the Los Angeles Rams in the NFC Championship game to earn its spot in the Super Bowl. Like every Sunday during the season, every television in the bar was tuned to the game.

Fans dressed in combinations of light gray, dark blue and lime green packed the pub, their vibrantly colored scarves, and brought cowbells, helping to create a sea of team spirit. “Seahawks Country” flags and team memorabilia hung beneath the



Seattle Seahawks banners line a wall in Scooter’s Pub. The pub has been a gathering place for Seahawks fans for about 15 years.

TV screens, which were displaying players celebrating Seattle’s narrow victory.

Chants of “Sea-Hawks! Sea-Hawks!” echoed through the crowd. One fan waved a blue flag emblazoned with the number “12” — a tribute to the Seahawks’ famous “12th Man,” the stadium crowd whose roaring support is thought of as an extra player on the field.

“Are we going to the Super Bowl?” a gray-haired man asked into a microphone. The bar seemed to shake with the crowd’s resounding “Yes!”

Pohorsky expects much of that same energy Sunday.

Scooter’s Pub Sports Bar and Grill opened nearly 16 years ago at 6200 S. Rainbow Blvd. and quickly became the home for local and visiting Seahawks fans.

Pohorsky, 49, was born and raised in Las Vegas — long before the city had Allegiant Stadium or the Raiders. He grew up with a love of sports, especially football,

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POLITICS

Northern Nevada’s U.S. Rep. Amodei won’t seek reelection

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The lone Republican in the Nevada congressional delegation, Rep. Mark Amodei, is retiring.

Amodei, the dean of the delegation, announced Friday that, after 15 years in office, he will retire from Congress at the conclusion of his term in January.

“I came to Congress to solve problems and to make sure our state and nation have a strong voice in the federal policy and oversight processes,” Amodei, who represents Northern Nevada, wrote in a statement. “I believe it is the right time for

Nevada and myself to pass the torch.”

Amodei, 67, spent more than a decade in the Nevada Legislature before first being elected to Congress in a special election in 2011 to replace Dean Heller in Northern Nevada’s 2nd Congressional District. Then-Gov. Brian Sandoval had appointed Heller to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated by the resigning John Ensign.

Amodei positioned himself as a moderate during President Donald Trump’s return to the White House. While initially opposing the Trump-backed Rescissions Act of 2025, which canceled about \$9.4 billion in previously approved but unobligated funds, he eventually voted for it. He publicly opposed the GOP’s successful attempt to

defund the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which supports PBS and NPR.

Amodei, a Carson City native, recently called for a “pivot” in Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s ongoing operations in Minnesota, saying the agency needed to better prioritize “dangerous criminal aliens” and people who have final orders of removal.

At the same time, he criticized local “agitators” and politicians encouraging interference with the agency’s operations.

Amodei joins a growing number of House Republicans retiring at the end of the current session.

With his decision, Amodei

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WADE VANDERVORT (2022)

U.S. Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev., pictured in 2022 next to his 1971 GMC 1500 Custom at Hobart Reservoir Trail in Carson City, announced Friday that he will retire when his term ends at the start of 2027.