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First 111 Days of President Barack Obama - April 11-20, 2009

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA - APRIL

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**SPECIAL SECTION - 'BO' THE FIRST DOG
Portuguese Water Dog Facts & Photos**



The Obama's dog 'Bo' was recommended by Senator M. Edward Kennedy who has three Porties. Kennedy holds his youngest Portuguese Water Dog in photo (above).



April 11, 2009

The White House releases photos of the 'First Dog' to be named 'Bo'. Sasha and Malia recently met their new Portuguese Water Dog puppy at the White House. The six-month-old puppy is expected to arrive at the White House on April 14th.

Complete story & photos >>> [Obama Family Gets a Portuguese Water Dog as 'The First Dog'](#)

Watch the White House YouTube of *Your Weekly Address* by President Obama for April 11, 2009




April 12, 2009

President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama attend an Easter Worship Service at St. John's Episcopal Church across the street from the White House. The Obama family is considering St. John's Episcopal as their family church as has

been the Presidential tradition for decades. The US Secret Service screened all worshippers as they entered the church. St. John's Reverend Luis Leon met with President Obama in an Inauguration Day church ceremony on January 20, 2009.

Captain freed from pirates

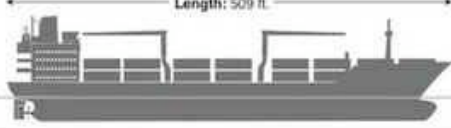
U.S. Navy SEALs rescued the captain of the Maersk Alabama in a lifeboat Sunday, ending a five-day standoff between the U.S. Navy and Somali pirates. The Alabama's crew successfully carried emergency food relief from Djibouti to its intended destination, Mombasa, Kenya on Saturday.



Maersk Alabama

Type:	Container ship	Width:	82 ft.
Capacity:	1,100 containers	Displacement:	17,000 tons
Crew:	20	Speed:	18 knots

Length: 509 ft.




April 12, 2009

President Barack Obama authorized the mission to free the captain of a US ship held by Somali pirates in a sealed lifeboat for five days off the coast of Somalia. The Navy Seal rescue team successfully freed the Captain of the Maersk Alabama Richard Phillips who boarded the USS Bainbridge after jumping from the lifeboat to safety during the Navy mission that killed three pirates and captured another. The crew of the US merchant ship Maersk Alabama celebrated the Captain's release and delivered the ship's cargo of emergency food relief in the port of Mombassa, Kenya. President Obama talked to Captain Phillips from the White House after he was freed and on board the USS Bainbridge.





April 13, 2009

President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama speak to a crowd of about 3,000 from the Truman Balcony of the White House on Easter Monday, April 13, 2009. The Obama family celebrated Easter by participating in the traditional White House Easter Egg Roll event on the South Lawn of the White House. President Obama whistled the started of the the race and read 'Where the Wild Things Are' to a group of children. The singer Fergie sang the national anthem and entertained the crowd.

Watch the YouTube of President Obama Speaking at the White House Easter Egg Roll on 4/13/09





April 13, 2009

President Barack Obama took some time away from the traditional White House Easter Egg Roll to throw a few basketball hoops with the Easter Monday crowd on the White House grounds on April 13, 2009.

Watch the White House YouTube of Highlights of the White House Easter Egg Roll on April 13/09





April 13, 2009

President Barack Obama speaks on the progress of his \$48 billion stimulus plan for transportation infrastructure. President Obama was joined by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Vice President Joe Biden at the Department of Transportation in Washington, DC. on April 13, 2009. Obama also expressed his vow to confront piracy in the aftermath of the Somalian piracy incident involving a US merchant ship carrying food aid to a port in Kenya.

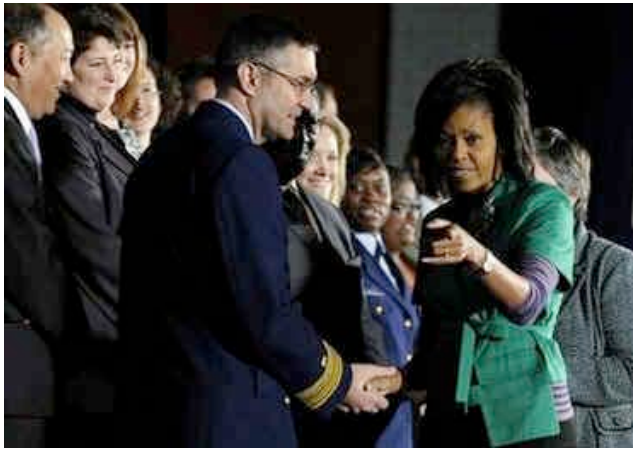
Watch the YouTube of President Obama speaking at the Department of Transportation on 4/13/09





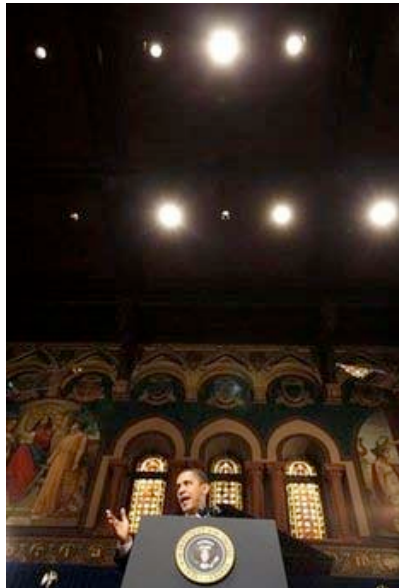
April 13, 2009

President Barack Obama announces new plans to ease travel to Cuba and changes in financial policies that will allow Cuban Americans to send funds to their Cuban families. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs made the announcement with the Senior Director of the Western Hemisphere for the National Security Council at a White House briefing on April 13, 2009.



April 14, 2009

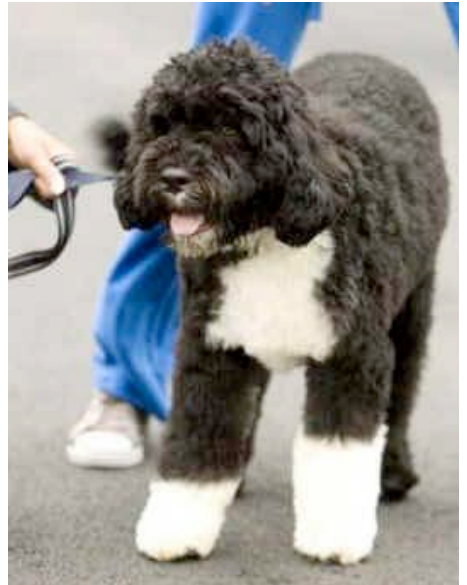
First Lady Michelle Obama speaks at the Department of Homeland Security after meeting with representatives from each department and with Homeland Secretary Janet Napolitano on April 14, 2009. The First Lady thanked the Secret Service for their tireless efforts and long hours keeping the Obama family protected.



April 14, 2009

President Barack Obama remarks on the economy in Gaston Hall at Georgetown University in Washington, DC on April 14, 2009. President Obama was greeted by Georgetown University President John DeGioia and thanked by Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty.

Watch the White House YouTube of President Obama's Remarks on the Economy on 4/14/09





April 14, 2009

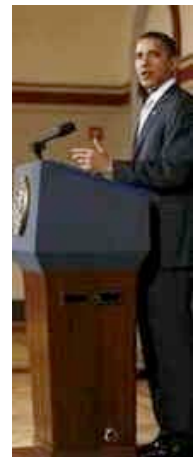
Bo's Official Introduction to the Media at the White House

First Lady Michelle Obama leads Bo the new First Dog from the White House to the South Lawn to introduce the Portuguese Water Dog puppy to the media and the world. President Obama and daughters Sasha and Malia joined in the highly anticipated introduction. The Obama family took Bo for a run on the South Lawn after the media greeting on April 14, 2009. Bo showed his strength by almost pulling President Obama down when Bo decided to run jerking the leash Obama was holding.

Complete story & photos >>> [The First Dog Bo and His First Day at the Obama White House](#)

Watch the White House YouTube of Bo's First Day at the White House on April 14/09





April 15, 2009

President Barack Obama meets with us taxpayers then holds a press conference in the Roosevelt Room of the White House to discuss tax policies including, rewriting the monstrous US tax code, ending tax breaks to corporations who ship jobs overseas, creating a simpler tax return, and tax relief for working families. Obama's remarks are made on the final day for filing US taxes.

Watch the White House YouTube of President Obama's Remarks on Tax Policies on April 15/09





April 16, 2009

President Barack Obama joins Transportation secretary Ray LaHood, and Vice President Joe Biden to announce a proposal for a US high speed rail system. The remarks were made in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on April 16, 2009. President Obama wants to rival existing high speed rail systems in France, Germany, Japan, and China. The Obama high speed rail system proposal includes a \$13 billion government injection.

Watch the White House YouTube of President Obama's High Speed Rail Proposal on 4/16/09



April 16, 2009

President Barack Obama leaves the Oval Office of the White House to board Marine One and then onto Air Force One for a four day trip to Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago for the Summit of the Americas.



Diplomatic mission for Obama

President Obama met with Mexican President Felipe Calderón Thursday in Mexico City to prove the U.S. is serious about stopping the flow of drugs and weapons. Obama will travel to Trinidad and Tobago to attend the Summit of the Americas Saturday.



President Obama in Mexico City
Thurs., 2:10 p.m. EDT: Obama arrived in Mexico City
4:45: Held bilateral meeting with President Calderon
5:40: Met with U.S. embassy employees
9:00: Attended working dinner

At Summit of the Americas
Friday: Travel day
Sat.: Summit
Sun: News conference

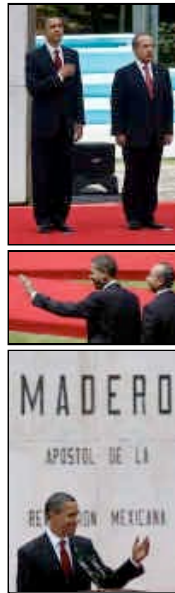
SOURCE: White House Office of the Press Secretary



April 16, 2009

President Barack Obama in Air Force One lands at Benito Juarez International Airport in Mexico City on April 16, 2009. The President is then transported to Campo de Mart Military Field via Marine One to join Mexican President Calderon.





April 16, 2009

President Barack Obama joins Mexican President Felipe Calderon for a Welcoming Ceremony with an honor guard inspection and national anthems at Los Pinos the Presidential Residence in Mexico City on April 16, 2009.



April 16, 2009

President Barack Obama meets with Mexico's President Felipe Calderon at Los Pinos the official residence of the Mexican

President. After the meeting President Obama and President Calderon hold a joint press conference. President Obama discussed the illegal border crossings of drugs and guns and vowed to stem the flow of arms from the US into Mexico.



April 16, 2009

President Barack Obama attends a dinner in his honor at the Anthropology National Museum in Mexico City. President Calderon and President Obama spoke to the guests prior to dinner. The following morning President Obama departed Mexico City on Air Force One for the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago.

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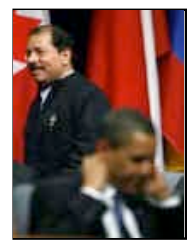
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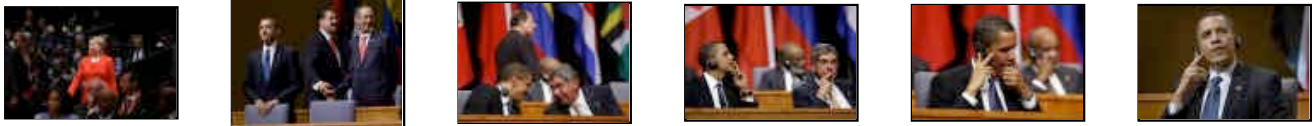
President Barack Obama arrives on Air Force One at Port of Spain airport in Trinidad and Tobago on April 17, 2009 for the 5th Summit of the Americas. This is President Obama's first foreign trip to Latin America. President Obama is greeted by dignitaries and an honor guard before leaving in his presidential limousine.



April 17, 2009

President Barack Obama arrives for the opening of the 5th Summit of the Americas at the Hyatt Regency in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on April 17, 2009 and mingles with Latin American leaders. President Obama talked with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Chilean President Bachelet, Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, and other heads of state.





April 17, 2009

President Barack Obama and over 30 other world leaders attend the official opening of the 5th Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on April 17, 2009. President Obama greeted several Latin American Leaders including the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Patrick Manning, Bolivian President Evo Morales, Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega, and Costa Rica's President Oscar Arias. Prior to speaking President Obama listened to opening remarks by other Latin American leaders.



April 17, 2009

President Barack Obama speaks at the opening of the 5th Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on April 17, 2009. Watch the video below for the remarks by President Obama that emphasize a new era of dialogue with Latin American leaders and their countries. Venezuelan President Chavez told Hilary Clinton after meeting Obama that he would like to return an Ambassador to the United States. Cuba's Castro indicated a willingness to open up discussions with the US after 50 years of strained relations.



April 17, 2009

President Barack Obama and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton meet the host country Trinidad and Tobago, and with leaders

of other Caribbean countries at the CARICOM meetings in Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago on April 17, 2009.



April 18, 2009

President Barack Obama arrives with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper on the second day of the 5th Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on April 18, 2009. The North American leaders met on Obama's first foreign trip in Ottawa, Canada on February 19, 2009 and again in Europe in early April at the G20 Summit in London and the NATO conference in Strasbourg, France. President Obama met with PM Harper on the evening of Friday, April 17th and again on the morning of Saturday, April 18th prior to attending the second day of the American summit. When asked by reporters what Obama discussed with PM Harper, President Obama said he gets a lot of "good tips" from Canada.



April 18, 2009

President Barack Obama greets other summit leaders prior to the official photo of the Heads of State of leaders from the Americas at the 5th Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on April 18, 2009. Obama talked to Haiti's President Rene Preval, Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega, and El Salvador's President Tony Saca.



April 18, 2009

President Barack Obama attends the First Plenary Session of the 5th Summit of the Americas with the leaders of over 30 other North American, South American, Central American, and Caribbean countries on April 18, 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. President Obama sat next to El Salvador's President Tony Saca, and met the President of Ecuador Rafael Correa. After the session President Obama met and posed with summit guests including salsa music icon Ruben Blades.



April 18, 2009

President Barack Obama attends the UNASR countries meeting on April 18, 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. President Obama sits next to Chilean President Bachelet. President Obama is given a book prior to the start of the meeting by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. The book written in Spanish is titled The Open Veins of Latin America written by Uruguayan Eduardo Galeano. After President Obama received the book from President Chavez Amazon reported that sales skyrocketed taking the book from 60,000 to a top ten position on the Amazon best-seller book list. The book recalls the historic reasons for the the rocky relations between United States and Latin American countries. Later the session leaders met at a working lunch. President Obama sat next to Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, who later showed the press a hand written given to him by President Obama.



April 18, 2009

President Barack Obama attends the Official Dinner of the Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. President Obama sat next to Chilean President Michelle Bachelet and the host country PM Patrick Manning of Trinidad and Tobago. President Obama met the wife of the Belize PM Kim Simplis-Barrow and assisted her to her seat. President Obama played the gentleman and also assisted Chile's President Bachelet to her seat.

Watch the White House YouTube of *Your Weekly Address* by President Obama for April 18, 2009





April 19, 2009

President Barack Obama arrives in his presidential limo "The Beast" to attend a multilateral meeting of Central American leaders at the Diplomatic Center in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on April 19, 2009. President Obama, with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sitting behind him, sat next to Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega.



April 19, 2009

President Barack Obama says good bye to his fellow heads of state at the group photo session at the conclusion of the 5th Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on April 19, 2009. President Obama's openness and commitment to a positive renewal of United States and Latin American relations was well received according to most attendees.



April 19, 2009

President Obama speaks at a news conference on the rooftop of his hotel in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on April 19, 2009. President Obama downplayed the significance of a brief handshake and book exchange with Venezuela's President Chavez.

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Complete Archives of President Obama's Visit to Port of Spain for the Summit of the Americas
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April 19, 2009

President Barack Obama and White House staffers return to Washington after four days in Mexico and the Caribbean island of Trinidad and Tobago for the Summit of the Americas. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs was met by his son and several family members on the South Lawn of the White House.



April 20, 2009

President Barack Obama holds his first cabinet meeting in the Cabinet Room of the White House on April 20, 2009. After the meeting President Obama remarked to the media.

Watch the White House YouTube President Obama's First Cabinet Meeting on April 20, 2009





April 20, 2009

President Barack Obama speaks to CIA employees at CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia on April 20, 2009. CIA Director Leon Panetta and Deputy Director Stephen Kappes joined President Obama on the stage and after Obama's remarks.

Watch the White House YouTube of Obama's Remarks at CIA Headquarters on April 20, 2009



April 20, 2009

President Barack Obama meets with golf star Tiger Woods in the Oval Office during a White House Press Conference to promote the PGA Tour's AT&T National at the Congressional Country Club beginning on June 29, 2009.

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