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Lisa Jack: Barack Obama, the FreshmanM + B Gallery
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According to his memoirs, Barack Obama was just starting to sort out his adult identity when he arrived at L.A.'s Occidental College in the fall of 1980. Yet in these remarkable photographs, taken by a college classmate, he already seems surprisingly self-possessed—and, yes, cocky. Sometimes flaunting a straw hat and clutching what may be a joint, he knew instinctively how to romance a camera. There's an element of adolescent dress-up at work, and no big revelations about Obama's character. They shed unexpected light on a politician who otherwise has carefully shaped his own public image. 612 N. Almont Drive, (310) 550-0050. Through July 18. Prices range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.



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