The lack of African-American participation in medical research, which is conducted routinely at Charles Drew University in Watts/Willowbrook, remains a concern for those who carry out clinical trials on ailments that disproportionately affect blacks.
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**Ask & Answered: Martin Lawrence**

**‘We as black people, we deserve all wonderful things’**

By John A. Moreno

Comedian Martin Lawrence and writer Scott Fitzgerald are rarely mentioned in the same sentence, yet the former continues to disprove the latter’s observation that “There are no second acts in American lives.”

A decade ago, Lawrence was in the middle of a frightening downward spiral, one from which he had almost completely rebounded.

**Making the rounds of history**

Despite recent upheaval tied to the closure of an affiliated hospital, Charles Drew University continues to produce medical doctors and scientists.

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**Black, youth votes push Obama to the brink of history**

Democratic presidential nominee places second in California, but wins more than a dozen other states on Super Tuesday. Meanwhile, L.A.-based supporters eye the next series of contests.

By André Herndon, Olú Alemú & Butter Jordan

Exiting her crowded Southwest Los Angeles polling place early Tuesday morning, 28-year-old Melody Washington was eager to discuss the vote she cast minutes earlier in the Democratic presidential primary.