

Across

1 On The Pulse of ____ (Maya wrote this poem for Bill Clinton's inauguration)

3 James Avery's role on The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

5 King of the Blues (initials)

6 Former Chicago Bulls all-star known as His Airness (initials)

7 Home of an August 2006 Essence Do-Right Man (hint: He followed his father's footsteps into politics)

10 This popular 1970's show made John Amos famous (2 wds)

13 Author Campbell (hint: She was featured in our May 2006 "Bold and Beautiful" story)

14 What singers Nancy and Cassandra share

16 This contemporary author of The Women of Brewster Place published one of her first stories in Essence

18 ____ Freeman, Jr., played Elijah Muhammad in Malcolm X

20 Reading Rainbow regular (2 wds)

22 Pecola Breedlove is the protagonist in the Toni Morrison classic novel The Bluest ____

23 What Tia is to Tamera Mowry

24 Although Wolof is more widely used, ____ is the official language of Senegal

26 Pam Grier's famous "Brown" character

27 Which Way Is ____? (Richard Pryor plays three characters in this 1970's flick)

28 A ____ Before Dying (Ernest J. Gaines's tale of race, injustice and resistance)

Down

1 A Song for ____ (1997 Boyz II Men hit)

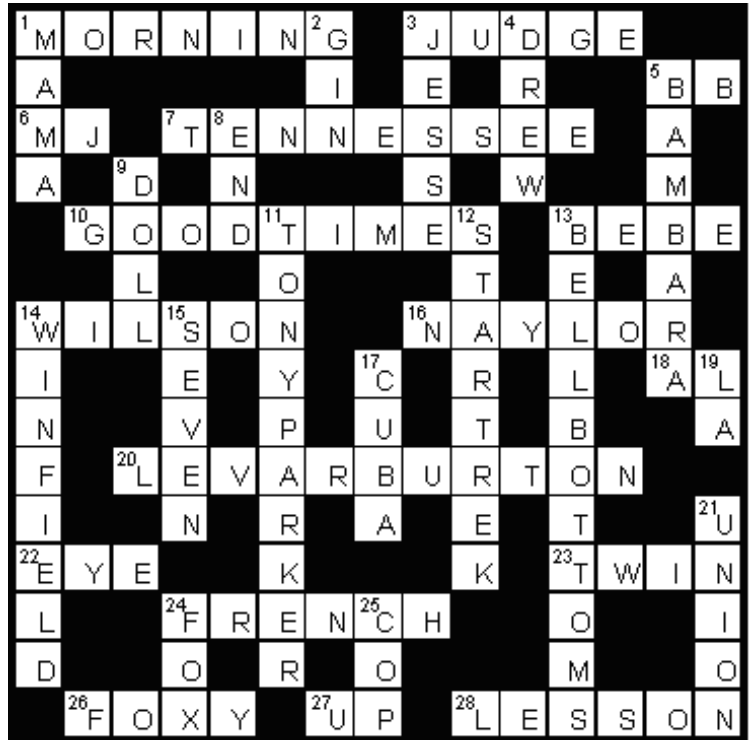
2 Cotton ____ (this invention sustained slavery)

3 ____ Martin (best known for his role in the NBC series Law & Order)

4 Pioneering physician famous for his blood work

5 Toni Cade ____ (a great literary voice)

8 Antonio Gates is a top tight ____ for the NFL



9 Addy, an American Girl ____

11 This San Antonio Spurs player made headlines when he began dating a Desperate Housewife

12 Classic intergalactic TV drama featuring Lt. Uhura as the first Black woman in space (2 wds)

13 Afros & ____ (a 1993 comedy special with Sinbad)

14 Paul ____ (actor known for Sounder)

15 Number of Kwanzaa principles

17 Assata Shakur has been living in exile here

19 Nickname of music mogul Antonio Reid

21 Gabrielle ____ (This girl-next-door actress was our March 2005 cover star)

24 Rick ____ (ex-Laker)

25 Henry Simmons played this on NYPD Blue