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But material things don't make you happy. And the more success you achieve only amplifies who you are as a person. If you're miserable, you're just going to be miserable and rich and famous. I know people like that. I have friends who are that way.

KW: What is your guiltiest pleasure?

AA: Late night Taco Bell.

KW: The bookworm Troy Johnson question: What was the last book you read?

AA: 50 Shades of Grey.

KW: The music maven Heather Covington question: What was the last song you listened to?

KW: The Toure question: Who is the person who led you to become the person you are today?
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AA: "My Life Would Suck without You" by Kelly Clarkson.

KW: What is your favorite dish to cook?

AA: That's hard for me to say, because I'm a chef. I'm going to have to say Oxtail Stew. Cooking is one of my passions. I'm a judge on the Food Network's "Iron Chef America," and I'm competing on "Chopped" next month.

KW: The Uduak Oduok question: Who is your favorite clothes designer?

AA: Woody Wilson. He's my personal tailor.

KW: Dante Lee, author of "Black Business Secrets," asks: What was the best business decision you ever made?

AA: To buy my first home.

KW: When you look in the mirror, what do you see?

AA: It's interesting that you should ask that question because I've been staring at myself in this dressing room mirror as we have this conversation with one another. Here's the things that have been running through my mind: both success and failure, because I couldn't appreciate the success that I'm enjoying now without the failures that I experienced before them.

KW: If you could have one wish instantly granted, what would that be for?

AA: To end world hunger.

KW: The Ling-Ju Yen question: What is your earliest childhood memory?

AA: Being fed by my grandmother as an infant.

KW: The Jamie Foxx question: If you only had 24 hours to live, what would you do? Would you do the bad stuff, you never got a chance to do, or would you do good stuff to make sure you make it into heaven?

AA: Wow! [Whispers] I've done a lot of bad, Kam, and I've enjoyed doing those bad things. [Resumes normal voice] But I'm also a spiritual

person and I believe I'm going to heaven anyway, because I've asked for forgiveness for my sins. So, if I only had 24 hours to live, I'd just spend it with my loved ones doing nothing yet everything.

KW: The Kerry Washington question: If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

AA: A lion.

KW: The Pastor Alex Kendrick question: When do you feel the most content?

AA: Hmm... On my couch in my family room.

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AA: It started with Mrs. Kpodo, my fourth grade teacher.

KW: The Judyth Piazza question: What key quality do you believe all successful people share?

AA: A passion for what it is they do.

KW: What advice do you have for anyone who wants to follow in your footsteps?

AA: Never let anyone else determine your self-worth.

KW: The Tavis Smiley question: How do you want to be remembered?

AA: Hmm... As someone who cared, as someone who loved, and as someone who believed in others.

KW: Thanks again for the time, Anthony, and best of luck with all your endeavors.

AA: Thank you Kam, I appreciate that. Alright brother, have a good one.

The 34th Annual UNCF: An Evening of Stars premiered on BET-TV on Jan. 27. Check local listings for future re-airings of the program.

How To Petition the President at “We The People...”

The First Amendment gives all Americans the right to “petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” So in the age of the Internet, the Obama White House has created a petition website to make it easy to exercise that right. The “We the People...” website:

<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/>

It offers a place to post petitions and sign them if you agree. Any petition that gets enough support, currently 100,000 signatures, will automatically receive a an official response. Petitions must be short to meet the website guidelines.

The Skanner News decided to post the following petition: “A Marshall Plan for Black America”

African Americans as a group remain enormously disadvantaged in the United States of America.

The 2010 census showed that the median wealth owned by White families was \$110,000, yet an average Black family owns less than \$5,000.

Black unemployment is generally twice that of Whites. In fact, racial disparities, rooted in America’s shameful history of slavery and discrimination,

affect every major economic indicator, as well as health and education outcomes.

America has failed to live up to its promise of equal opportunities for all. This wrong must be put right.

After WWII, the Marshall Plan rebuilt Europe. We call on President Obama to create “A Marshall Plan for Black America.”

We ask the president to fund a grass-roots economic development plan that will create true equality for all.

