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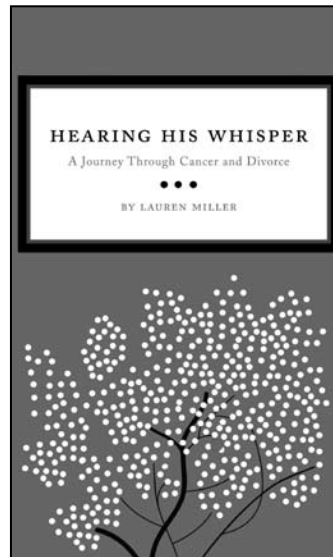
Hearing His Whisper: A Journey Through Cancer and Divorce

In Her First Book, Author, Lauren Miller, Shares Her Real Life Experience With Cancer and How It Evolved Her Relationship With God

(from The Syndicated News)

Lauren Miller is a survivor, in every sense of the word. On January 10, 2006, two weeks prior to her final divorce court date, the mother of three children, second degree black belt, fitness trainer, inspirational speaker and teacher, was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer: invasive ductal carcinoma grade three. She was given a 50 percent chance of survival because of her age and the advanced stage of her cancer.

In her first book "Hearing His Whisper," Lauren Miller shares her remarkable story of hope and perseverance in the midst of cancer and divorce. "I tell people it's not about what you do in life, but about who you are in relation



to God and others," says Miller. "You can't always help what happens in life when it comes to life and death, but you can choose how to respond to your circumstances."

According to WebMD's breast cancer guide, less than five per-

cent of women get breast cancer under age 40. Just 38 when she was diagnosed, by the time she was 40, Lauren had endured eleven surgeries, a double mastectomy, sixteen rounds of chemotherapy and six weeks of daily radiation in the space of only two years. Because the cancer was in seven out of twelve of her lymph nodes, Lauren remains in the third highest group for recurrence.

Lauren's objective with her new book, "Hearing His Whisper," is to share what brought her back from the brink of death. Hers is a story of triumph and healing fueled by faith and love and a journey that ultimately leads to internal freedom, self-love, inner strength and acceptance.

Her inspirational wisdom will encourage and equip women who silently face a similar situation. The book is now available at all major booksellers and online at www.LaurenEMiller.com. Wi

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Area Teens Learn Steps to success at Disney's Dreamers Academy

By Lucinda Hughes
WI Contributing Writer

One-hundred nationwide high school students, selected through a contest on the Steve Harvey Morning Show, were flown to Walt Disney World in Orlando to participate in the second Disney's Dreamers Academy held Feb. 12-15. The Dreamers and a guardian took part in four days of seminars, motivational talks and workshops designed to give them tools to rise above challenges in their homes, neighborhoods or physical disabilities.

Celebrities gathered at Harvey's home to read 4,000 letters nominating students for the Dreamers Academy, choosing two District residents, Andre Johnson of McKinley Tech and Clarence Lee III, who attends St. John's College High School.

"I opened the letter and thought it was a rejection at first, but it said I got accepted. It came a couple of weeks before Christmas, so I told my

mom I didn't need anything for Christmas because this was the best present," said Lee, an 11th grader nominated by his mentor, Charles Montgomery III, who highlighted the teen's leadership qualities and his work with the D.C. Youth Advisory Council.

Lee was salutatorian in eighth grade and started thinking about his career, which was his goal for this trip.

"I was hoping to meet people in the sports arena and I did. I met Carlos Flemings, the sports agent for the Williams' sisters, and [Washington] Redskins wide receiver Antwaan Randle El. I also wanted to broaden my horizons for careers, and here, I met many in other professions," Lee said.

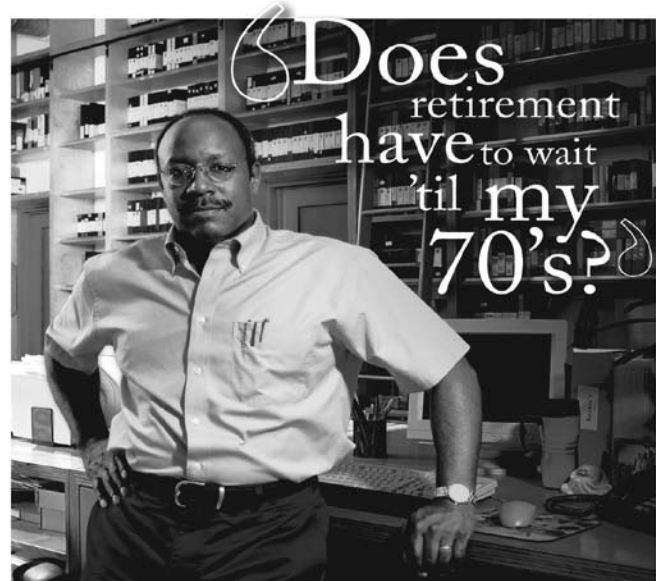
During Saturday's one-on-one rap session, Harvey told the students that dreaming is essential to being successful.

"[Don't] squander this opportunity. Show some appreciation. This would have done wonders for me if someone had done this for me as a teenager.

Someone's flying you down here for free... find the motivation to make something out of this weekend," Harvey said.

Johnson, 16, mentors through Youth Leadership Greater Washington, D.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. His personal focus is teaching academic growth and he has testified before City Council about teen violence and pregnancy. Johnson cites seven years of support from Joyce Clemons and Mary Brown, organizers of Life Pieces to Masterpieces, an arts program for Ward 7 residents, as a prime motivation in his life. Clemons nominated him for the Academy and accompanied Johnson to Orlando.

"Every person who's talked this weekend has said not to give up your dreams because if you do, you won't be alive. My dream is to be a better leader for the upcoming youth in Washington, D.C. and to be a sportscaster. I got to interview Randle El, and he said I was very good, so that was incredible," Johnson said. Wi



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