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Caution prevails in last TV debate

Ford, Corker sidestep controversy, criticize attack ads

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NASHVILLE — Democrat Harold Ford Jr. drove home his message for change while Republican Bob Corker emphasized his "Tennessee life" and values in Saturday night's final televised debate of Tennessee's U.S. Sen-

ate race. Neither unveiled new themes in their meeting at Vanderbilt University. And some attacks that dominated the previous two debates in Memphis and Chattanooga were absent.

But the negative TV attack ads of the past three weeks surfaced at the end of the face-off as veteran WTVF-TV an-



Harold Ford Jr.



Bob Corker

chor Chris Clark asked both to comment.

"I was a little surprised to see the smut and the slime coming into my living room during family time," Ford said of two ads sponsored by the Republican National Committee. One featured a bare-shouldered blond woman saying

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Candidates step it up to get out the vote

By **HALIMAH ABDULLAH**
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The outcome of Tennessee's closely watched U.S. Senate race may hinge on the candidates' abilities to get African-Americans and undecided suburban voters to the polls.

As more than a dozen new polls show Republican Bob Corker and Democrat Harold Ford Jr. locked in a race too close to call, both campaigns and their national parties have stepped up voter-turnout efforts.

Tactics include armies of volunteers knocking on doors, placing campaign literature on windshields and bumpers, recruiting neighbors and making automated phone calls from well-known politicians and celebrities.

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Shirley Weinman (front), 79, and fellow breast cancer survivors gather before the start of Saturday's Race for the Cure.

A pink-clad celebration of survival

Cancer patients, supporters in passionate Race for Cure

THE BOUFFANTS were winding down their performance, and the crowd was thinning by late Saturday morning in Germantown. Nearly 13,500 women, men and children had

participated, all the pink-ribbon freebies had been given away, fund-raising prizes had been awarded. The 2006 edition of the Memphis Mid-South Race for the Cure was nearly history.

But there was one more thing to do. Cue the Donna Summer lyrics:

At first I was afraid, I was petrified ...

The crowd went wild as dozens of breast cancer survivors, in distinctive pink T-shirts and hats, headed toward the stage.

They were African-American, white, Muslim, Asian. Startlingly young, and not. In shape, and not. Twenty-year survivors, and those who were clearly still fighting a disease that one in eight American women will get in their lifetimes.

For the women dancing, laughing, crying and embracing on the stage, Summer's "I Will Survive" is a powerful anthem.

... you think I'd lay down and die? Oh no not I. I will survive.

Oh as long as I know how to love I know I'll stay alive.

"It's so amazing that (thousands of) people come out to celebrate our cause," said Shirley Weinman, 79, a 20-year breast cancer survivor who sat front-and-center in her tiara and warrior-woman face paint for the survivor picture, another command performance earlier that morning punctuated by the powerful drumming of the Ford Motor Co.-sponsored Warriors in Pink. "Thirty years ago, we were in

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LEANNE KLEINMANN

Life lessons

Far from Easy Street, the Education That Works program demands a student's all



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Elondria Hampton (center) meets the people she will be working for on her first day of work at Mid-America Apartment Communities. They are taking part in the Education That Works program, where students get to experience various job options in the real business world.

By **JAMES DOWD** | dowd@commercialappeal.com

THE LUNCHROOM at Memphis Catholic High School teems with hurried conversations, nervous laughter and thinly veiled anxiety.

The starched veneer of button-down shirts and pleated plaid skirts barely conceals the emotions connected with a new school year, even though the official start is still three weeks away at this Midtown school on McLean.

The hubbub halts when school president James Pohlman picks up a microphone and in a no-nonsense

fashion addresses the crowd.

"This is serious, so let's get started. We're here to discuss image and the way to behave," Pohlman begins. "The world you're about to walk into is an adult world, and whether or not you agree with it is not part of the equation."

The drill sergeant demeanor is intentional, Pohlman says, and appropriate, because this is more than the first day of school.

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Fall back

Did you remember to set your clocks back one hour last night?



IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPER

Fox sends troops

Mexican unrest: After refusing for five months to intervene in Oaxaca, the deaths of a U.S. journalist and at least three Mexicans prompt President Vicente Fox to send federal police. | **A14**



75 and bright ...

... until the sun goes down an hour earlier today.

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IN SPORTS

NBA legend dies

Red Auerbach, the straight-talking, cigar-smoking coach who led the Boston Celtics to nine titles in the 1950s and '60s, is dead of a heart attack. He was 89. | **C1**



Calif. fires: The mother of one of the firefighters who died battling a wildfire urges the arsonists to turn themselves in. | **A6**

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