## Democrat calls chances for a Jackson win slim

dications that the Rev. Jesse Jackson would he have to move out of his may declare residency here to chal- Chicago house, Ellisor said. lenge U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond in Cecil Williams, who lost the Demothe fall, a top Democrat called Jack-cratic senate primary to preacher son's chances for success "minimal." Jackson said Saturday he has taken petition drive he initiated to get Jacksteps to change his legal residence son on the ballot may not win the from Chicago to South Carolina. He required number of signatures withhas until Wednesday at 5 p.m. to out Jackson's help. submit 10,000 signatures to qualify for

"For the life of me, I don't know why he would want to do it," said Saturday. "I doubt my people would Democratic National Committeeman Don Fowler. "It would be a blow to

Fowler said Saturday night that a asked the U.S. Justice Department to challenge by Jackson, who lost a bid investigate the June 12 primary after for the Democratic presidential nomination, would hurt the party, includ- feated Williams, who is black. ing black candidates, by confusing It was Williams who suggested that voters and encouraging party loy- Jackson run against Republican alists to abandon a straight Demo- Thurmond as an independent or

If Jackson ran as an independent or Fowler said he expects "some real-

clare South Carolina to be his home," office.

A verbal declaration would be sufficient, and Jackson would not have to GREENVILLE, S.C. — Despite in- rent or buy a home in the state, nor

Melvin Purvis of Florence, said the

"I expect him to get his South Carolina rainbow coalition to get him be able to get 10,000 signatures."

Jackson and Williams last week

write-in candidate, Fowler said, "the ly prominent black Democrats would chances of his success at something support Jesse Jackson," but that Democratic Party officials would be In addition to filing petitions, Jack- bound by party rules to support Purson, a Greenville native, must "de- vis in the race, or forfeit their own

## Miss America 1984, a page in history

Despite controversy Williams, pageant image will recover

**Associated Press Writer** 

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — It probably isn't the way Vanessa Williams wants to be remembered, but one thing is certain. Unlike most past Miss of the events of the past week and a half. pageant officials — because nude pictures of her box-office draw.

crown to give up the title. She was also the first rough.'

be etched in the history books and the minds of business.' song "There She Is," and the Miss Congenialty, the start of the controversy moved quickly to Advancement of Colored People. award — former staples of the pageant. The episode was a major turning point in her career. Since word of the photographs first

offers to work in the entertainment industry. yet," she told The Associated Press in an inter- it. news analysis

Americas, she won't easily be forgotten because spot, a movie, or do a quality album," she said. Like Bert Parks, whose career skyrocketed at who is also black. Williams announced her resignation as Miss age 65 after he was fired as pageant emcee in For her, the controversy made a dream come America 1984 on Monday — at the request of January 1980, Williams seems to have become a true. She always wanted to be Miss America, and

black to wear the crown since the first pageant in But she added, "I feel at this time I should singer, she said the role of Miss America would extend my energy to establishing what I hope be an added boost to her future. With her decision to step down, her name will will be a successful career in the entertainment The demand for Williams' resignation drew

will this leave a mark? The answer is a definite ves. became public 10 days ago, Williams, 21, of But while Miss America pageant officials For all involved, the matter of the photographs

view. She added that she expected to decide He predicted that the televised finals, which But recover it will. within a month what she plans to do now that she has been losing its audience steadily in the last And this year's events will be brought back to few years, will become a curiosity to most mind for years to come every Saturday night in "I'd love to do a good Broadway role, a TV Americans.

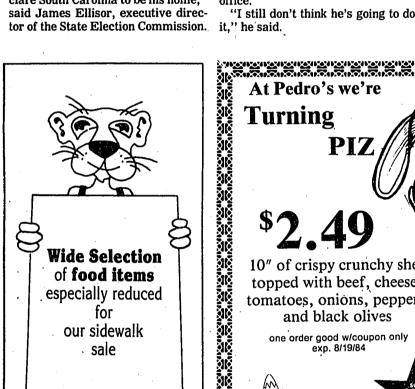
He said the outcome of the ratings by the A.C. Nielson Co., would be the litmus test of the

decision to seek William's ouster. "We'll know then whether we've done right or wrong," Marks told reporters at a news conference during which he presented Williams' replacement, Suzette Charles, 21, of Mays Landing,

had spent two-thirds of her life preparing for the in intimate scenes with another woman are In announcing her decision to resign, Williams role, only to come out No. 2 in last September's told a crowded news conference in New York, "I national finals at Convention Hall. She was the first of 57 women who wore the am not a person who gives up when the going gets Although she was about to become a headlining act in a casino hotel theater here as a nightclub

critical comments from Benjamin Hooks, execthe American public, joining Bert Parks, the Turning to the pageant, where officials from utive director of the National Association for the

protect their "wholesome, all-American" image, But despite the controversy, it did not change next in line, Miss New Jersey, was also black. Millwood, N.Y., said she has had a number of would have preferred the problem never arose, was unwelcome, to say the least. It will change Albert A. Marks Jr., executive director of the the lives of the people involved. They, as well as "I've had a variety of offers — nothing signed pageant, admits that some good will come out of the image of the pageant, may need some time to



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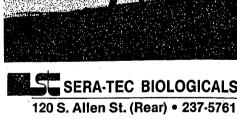
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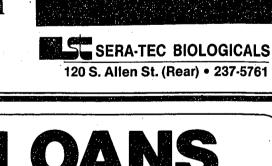
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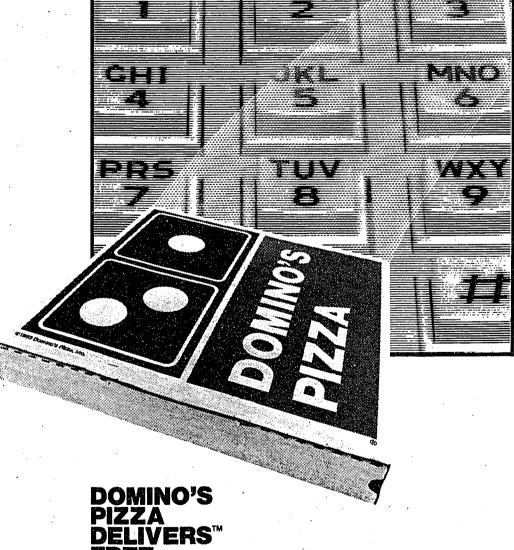
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