







Montana debates old law ding vets, handicapped

lature opens a special session oday to consider repealing fontana's unique law giving reference to veterans, their buses and the handicapped gobs in state and local govern-

The 1921 law gives veterans, eir spouses, even dependents disabled veterans, as well as ysically and mentally disabled vilians, absolute preference in ring for state and local govern-ent jobs.

Unnoticed during nearly all f its existence, the law pro-

ked a storm last summer when was resurrected by a legally ind woman whose attorney won a state Supreme Court decision declaring the "absolute" provision means just that provision means just that — veterans are 97 percent male, veterans and the handicapped started a drive to change the law. move to the front of the hiring line for government jobs.

job with the State Library.

Later, more than a dozen other lawsuits were filed by veterans and handicapped people seeking jobs in state offices, cities and counties as well as local districts. Mera their benefits.

Riddled with misspellings, the letter said: "Why should these war mongolers be rewarded for their benefits."

Legislators will decide whether the law should be changed or repealed.

After the Crabtree suit, women's lobbyists, noting that

That effort led to a charge of dirty tricks" last week. Using a Immediately, plaintiff Vivian Crabtree, 45, of Helena, had the advocacy committee, someone forged letterhead of a women's right to claim preference for a sent a letter to legislators and a

ple seeking jobs in state offices, cities and counties as well as local school districts. More than 54,000 Montana jobs are subject stand for peace and sociolistic brotherhood be rewarded. In all veterans benefits from these

The letter was "just awful" and "real disturbing," said Laurie Lamson of the State De-partment of Labor's Intradepartmental Coordinating Committee for Women, whose letter-

head was forged.

Brenda Schye of Helena, a lobbyist for the Women's Lobbyist Fund, said she was amazed that some veterans "would be resorting to political dirty tricks."

But a spokesman for veterans organizations, Rich Brown of Helena, said, "The letter is un-believable. I don't put any cre-

A legislative committee drafted a new law recently that erases the "absolute" provision

Walesa says Solidarity alive

United Press International
SLO, Norway — Nobel
ce Prize winner Lech Walesa, der of Poland's banned trade on, said in a speech delivered aday that Solidarity is still e and is ready to talk to the

In a speech released the day er his wife, Danuta, accepted 1983 Nobel Peace Prize for husband, Walesa also called freedom for all jailed Solity members.
"We shall not yield to vio-

United Press International Lights! Action!: Delegates to

xt summer's Democratic Nanal Convention might be reeted with indoor fireworks

d a laser light show. Visual fects being considered might so turn Moscone Center's mas-we arches into colorful con-

Techniques to give the con-

ntion a contemporary look

ent's planners by FM Produc-ns, which has designed special

ects for such rock groups as

ssociates, the architectural m hired to prepare Moscone enter for the July 16-20 event,

id Democrat Party officials

traditional approaches to the

ief executive officer of the vention. "But I'd sure like to

ne up with something diffe-

Meanwhile in Dallas: The anager of the 1984 Republin National Convention says

while it will be a "coronaof President Reagan for

other term, he hopes to make an exciting "high tech" event.
"We mean to do what we can

make it exciting," said Ronald

"We would like to have a conention with a modern look and modern feel about it," Walker

id. "We are moving into the ghtech age, and we would like

opening event may be com-

nter displays to show delegates and others what is happening at

convention and in Dallas-Worth. High tech visuals

y also be used to brighten up

Heads I Win, Tails You Lose: e latest fund-raising effort by

National Conservative Poli-

al Action Committee gives two post cards to mail in, one

aying "yes" and the other tying "no."
But the idea is not "yes, I will twe money," or "No, I won't."
One card says "Yes. I know

at the union bosses, the liber-

and the Democrats are launing an all-out effort to defeat eagan and elect Walter Mon-

The other says "No . I don't

ink the news stories about

party to show that. One means used at the Aug.

convention

The Rolling Stones and David

te rainbows.

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Conventions to be

modern, colorful

of union freedoms. We snan never agree with sending people to prison for their convictions," said Walesa in a lecture read by exiled Solidarity editor Bogdan walesa remained in Poland walesa remained

the formation of Solidarity, the the prize. union banned a year ago before the lifting of martial law.

lence. We shall not be deprived of union freedoms. We shall never agree with sending people may have declared Solidarity church fund for independent said. "While Polish authorities—Polish farmers.

In his speech, Walesa stressed

Cywinski was Walesa's top aide during the 1980 strike at the Gdansk shipyards that led to in the country after he accepted

Danuta Walesa said the \$190,000 prize money would be kept by the Nobel Committee

In his speech, Walesa stressed Solidarity's non-violent approach as he denounced the trial pending against 11 Solidarity members and called for the release of all jailed union supporters

"As a nation, we have the right to decide our own affairs, to mold our own future. This "I am conscious that the hon-or is bestowed not on me person-until officials establish a Polish body," Walesa said.

Marathon: The House Democratic Caucus has announced the ground rules for their debate among the Democatic pres-

Mondale winning are possible. However, I support your efforts to stop the liberals from con-trolling both houses of Con-

idential candidates to be held at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire on Jan. 15.

Derek Claudius of Gensler & marathon, with Ted Koppel moderating the first half and Phil Donahue, the second half. And for those worrying about the candidates holding out for tred his firm to consider non-raditional approaches to the will be two 'commercial' breaks "We may end up with the same old red, white and blue off-stage lounge facilities."

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Jury recommends fe for Klansman

white jury found a Ku Klux Klansman guilty Saturday night of the brutal murder of a black teenager whose body was left hanging from a tree, and recom-mended he spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Henry Hays, 29, was found guilty of beating, strangling and slashing the throat of Michael Donald, 19, then hanging his lifeless body from a tree on a downtown street.

The jury deliberated for some four hours before finding Hays guilty. The jury then quickly decided to recommend the life sentence without possibility of parole. The prosecution course the death sentence. sought the death sentence.

Mobile County Circuit judge
Braxton Kittrell said he would
formally sentence Hays on Jan.
19. Kittrell may accept the jury's
sentence or impose a heavier
one, but judges usually accept a

jury's recommendation.

Hays followed his father and mother to the stand during the sentencing hearing, but left in tears after speaking only briefly. "It's not fair," Hays said in a

quivering voice when defense attorney M.A. "Bubba" Marsal asked him if he had anything to say to the jury.

Marsal then asked Hays if he

killed Donald. "No," a weeping Hays replied before stepping down from the

Hays, who said he was an officer in his Mobile Klan unit, had stood motionless as the jury announced the guilty verdict, but members of the victim's family burst into tears.

Hays' mother and father both

asked the jury of 11 whites and one black to show mercy.

"From my heart, I hope you can live with yourself," said Bennie Hays, 67, father of the defendant.

federal government" of a vendetta against his son and the Klan as he led about 20 Klansmen from the courtroom filled with mostly black spectators.

"Pay attention," he told the Klansmen. "No destruction or destroying of anything from this

District Attorney Tom Harrison urged the jury to send Hays to the electric chair for what he

Marsal said he would appeal and predicted the case would be

overturned. "This will be the easiest case ever appealed in my life," he said. "There's no way the courts will uphold it. This case won't last as long as the ink to dry for the court to set it asid." he said.

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Harrison said Hays and
codefendant James Llewellyn
"Tiger" Knowles selected
Donald at random to vent their anger over a mistrial granted a black Chicago drifter charged with killing a white Birmingham, Ala., policeman.

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