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NEW YORK (AP) -Prompted by people tired or afraid of panhandlers at automatic teller machines, some cities are making it a crime to stand near cash machines and ask for money

Banks can't handle the problem and anti-loitering ordinances aren't enough, some lawmakers said.

Civil liberties groups and advocates for the homeless said the new ordinances interfere with free speech and single out poor people for police harassment.

Washington, D.C. passed an ordinance last year that bans panhandling within 10 feet of a cash machine. The measure carries up to 90 days in jail and a \$300 fine.

In San Francisco, 57 percent of the voters approved a measure this month that bars people from standing within 30 feet of an ATM while another person is using it. First-time offenders can get six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

A measure prohibiting begging within 25 feet of a cash machine or bank entrance is pending in the City Council in nearby Berkeley, Calif.

And in New York, two City Council members recently introduced a measure that would make it a crime to panhandle within 15 feet of an ATM. The offense is punishable by up to 10 days in jail and a \$25 fine.

"The presence of (panhandlers) is so intimidating that people won't use ATMs at people won't use ATMs at certain times of the day," said Andrew Eristoff, one of the sponsors. "The public has the right to enjoy conve-nient and unimpeded access to ATM machines."

Eristoff said most of his constituents on Manhattan's Upper East Side think pan-handling near ATMs should be a crime.

Betty Cooper Wallenstein, head of a neighborhood asso-ciation in the area, said she no longer uses uninclosed ATMs. "I feel that it's unsafe to get money on the street, especially with someone standing behind you, seeing you take the money out," she

Several states have laws that require banks to provide adequate lighting, video monitors, security guards and other safety measures at ATMs.

the public sidewalk," said William R. Wipprecht, director of security at Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco.

Dealing with panhandlers is best left to the police, said David Glass, general counsel at the New York State Banking Association.

Norman Siegel, head of the New York Civil Liberties Union, said panhandling is a form of expression protected by the First Amendment. He also said banks and law enforcement officials can use existing laws against harassment and trespassing to deal with panhandlers.

We should stop trying to criminalize this act," Siegel said. "Many of these people are just trying to survive and are asking people to help them.'

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President Clinton and Vice President Gore have been making telephone calls to members identified as wavering or still on the fence.

Texas Gov. Ann Richards also was on Capitol Hill Monday urging support for a project that means billions of dollars and thousands of jobs to her state.

Hall and other backers expressed some confidence that they will prevail. "It can't be any closer than it was last year," the Rockwall Democrat said. "It appears to be a little better than

Said Rep. Jim Chapman, D-Sulphur Springs: "I am moving from a churning stomach to en-

A leading foe, Rep. Tim Roemer, said Monday that opponents were six to 10 votes shy of

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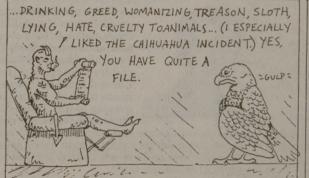
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Simpson will not plead insanity

Defense lawyers say DNA analysis should clear O.J.

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Nicole Brown Simpson lay curled in a fetal position, clad in a black dress with her feet bare, blood marking her legs, arms and face. Ronald Goldman slumped in the dirt, his back against a tree stump, blue jeans and sweater dark with blood. That is what a coroner's investigator saw on the morning of

DNA analysis of blood collected as evidence could clear O.J. Simpson, who will not plead insanity because he did not kill his ex-wife and her friend, defense lawyer F. Lee Bailey said.

'In California, you don't approach the question of insanity until you have a trial on guilt,' Bailey told CNN on Sunday "California really is ahead of the world with the best procedure around because it's inconsistent to talk insanity and guilt or innocence in the same proceeding.'

Simpson pleaded innocent to charges of first-degree murder in the slaying of Ms. Simpson, 35, and Goldman, 25.

Reportedly, blood found at the scene is of the same type as Simpson's, and blood was found in Simpson's Bronco and in his driveway.

Prosecutors are pinning much of their case on the results of DNA tests from blood samples, Bailey said.

"If the DNA comes back and is not a match, then the police had better get busy opening the investigation they may have pre-maturely closed," Bailey said.

Meanwhile, a hearing was scheduled for today on a media request for the release of sealed

Celebrity lawyer Robert Shapiro (right) helps defend O.J. Simpson.

documents from the 1989 case in which Simpson, 46, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor battery against his then-wife, Ms.

Ms. Simpson and her friend, a waiter at a trendy restaurant, were found slashed and hacked to death outside her townhouse.

A neighbor discovered their bloodied bodies near the gated entrance to Ms. Simpson's townhouse early on June 12, after seeing Ms. Simpson's dog wandering around the neighborhood, according to the report by a Los Angeles County coroner's investigator.

The report was obtained by TV's syndicated "American Journal" for a show scheduled to air today. The show gave The Associated Press a copy of the report Sunday.

A white envelope containing pair of eyeglasses lay at Goldman's feet. The glasses belonged to Ms. Simpson's mother, the report said. Previously, reports said the glasses were her own. Goldman had gone to Ms.

Simpson's Brentwood condomin um to return the glasses, left the previous night at the Mezzalu restaurant where he worked. Ms. Simpson was last know

to be alive at about 11 p.m., when she spoke to her mother about the glasses on the telephone. In New York City Sunday,

group of activists and politician rallied to demand that corpora tions work to curb domestic vi lence, criticizing companies that kept Simpson on the payroll at ter his no-contest plea to wif beating in 1989, including Hertz Inc. and NBC.

In September, the Rangers

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raised in an anonymous lette that accused Ross Margraves former chairman of the Board of Regents, of personally bene fiting from a contract signe with Barnes and Noble Bo stores, the owners of A&M's bookstore. Gov. Ann Richards forward

ed the letter to the Rangers who were joined in the investi gation by the FBI. Margraves admitted to tak

ing a 1990 trip to New York with Robert Smith, former vice ministration, to discuss the

Barnes and Noble paid for Smith and Margraves's ex penses, which under curren law, would be considered ill gal. However, at the time, th trip was legal under Texas law. Margraves has consistently denied any wrongdoing.

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thusiasm and optimism.

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victory, but the Indiana Democrat said the situation remained fluid enough that the outcome could change.

Both sides have set up "whip" organizations, with designated lawmakers doing all they can in telephone calls, letters and visits to woo members whose positions aren't entrenched.

Chapman, who defends the space station's funding from his perch on the Appropriations Committee, attributed his optimism in part to Goldin. "Dan Goldin has really whipped both the agency and this program into shape," Chapman said. "He has done a remarkably impressive job, I think.

Rangers

Continued from Page 1 He sent out invitations to a

number of A&M employees to appear before the grand jury last week. The jury will continue hear-

ing testimony Tuesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Turner said alcohol pur-

chases by A&M employees is among issues being heard by the grand jury. A&M has come under fire in

the last year because of investigations by Turner and the Texas Rangers for misconduct. The misconduct charge centers on the indictments of two Board of Regents secretaries on charges of record tampering.

Questions have also arisen concerning the privatization of certain campus operations. such as the Department of Food Services.

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