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Millions say 'no thanks' to banks

Cite costs, confusion and mistrust

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
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WASHINGTON — Grandma stuffing money under the mattress isn't the only one living outside the banking system.

As many as 28 million people in the United States are forgoing traditional financial institutions because of mistrust, cultural and language barriers or a belief that by the time all the bills are paid there will be nothing left for an account.

That can be expensive and risky. People can run up big fees to cash checks, pay bills and meet their other financial needs. Walking around with large amounts of cash can make them a target for thieves.

The bankless are estimated to earn hundreds of billions of dollars a year in income. Seeing a business opportunity, banks are trying to draw in these potential customers. So, too, are check-cashing businesses and retailers, including Wal-Mart.

Many people, however, still resist, preferring to remain in the financial shadows.

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Mom can't take exams, feed baby

BOSTON (AP) — All that stands between a would-be doctor from Brookline and the medical degree she's been working toward for five years is one grueling exam — and her commitment to breast-feed her infant daughter.

Sophie Currier is scheduled to begin her medical residency at Massachusetts General Hospital this fall, but she needs to pass the nine-hour clinical knowledge exam given by the National Board of Medical Examiners.

The exam allows a total of just 45 minutes in breaks, and the board has refused to give Currier the extra time she says she needs to pump milk from her breasts, The Boston Globe reported.

Currier, 33, is nursing her 7-week-old daughter, LDea, and if she does not pump milk every two or three hours, she could suffer blocked ducts, the discomfort of hard breasts or an infection.

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Maine's Catholic church predicts that the number of priests will drop from 86 to 65 by 2010. So why are these two men being ordained? God asked them to.

A LEAP OF FAITH

BY DANIEL HARTILL
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LEWISTON — Speaking days before his ordination, Gregory Dube said he may never know if God wanted him to be a priest.

He felt a kind of peace, though.

Following five years in a Washington, D.C., seminary, during which he volunteered in a hospital and an AIDS hospice, the 28-year-old from Greene *thinks* he was called by God.

A priest once told him, "There will never be a strike of lightning that comes down from the sky and says, 'That's what I want you to do.'"

Yet, it is the most certain thing in Dube's life.

Until his grand ordination — planned for 5 p.m. Friday at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul — he will not know where in Maine he will serve or what role he will play in Maine's changing Catholic Church.

Already, Maine has fewer priests than parishes.

An aging population of priests who were part of a 1960s boom in ordinations, is swiftly retiring.

In 2005, the state had 97 active priests for 135 parishes. This year, there are 86 priests for 131 parishes.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, which administers all of Maine, predicts there will be only 65 active priests by 2010.

This is a good year,

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MORE INSIDE

A look inside the lives and reasons Gregory Dube and Seamus Griesbach want to be ordained. **A4**

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Check out the interviews with both soon-to-be priests.

Karzai condemns civilian deaths

Afghan president rebukes U.S., NATO

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Hamid Karzai accused NATO and U.S.-led troops Saturday of carelessly killing scores of Afghan civilians and warned that the fight against resurgent Taliban militants could fail unless foreign forces show more restraint.

"Afghan life is not cheap and it should not be treated as such," Karzai said in an angry rebuke that drew a contrite acknowledgment from NATO that it must "do better."

In the past 10 days, more than 90 civilians have been killed by airstrikes and artillery fire targeting Taliban insurgents, Karzai said. The mounting toll is sapping the authority of the Western-backed Afghan president, who has pleaded repeat-

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Bombers kill 7

At least 28 U.S. troops died in Iraq this week, including 7 who were killed by roadside bombs on Saturday. **Page A3**

Judge rips Bush's spy program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge who used to authorize wiretaps in terrorist and espionage cases criticized President Bush's decision to order warrantless surveillance after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Royce Lamberth, a district court judge in Washington, said Saturday it was proper for executive branch agencies to conduct such surveillance. "But what we have found in the history of our country is that you can't trust the executive," he said at the American Library Association's convention.

"We have to understand you can fight the war (on terrorism) and lose everything if you have no civil liberties left when you get through fighting the war," said Lamberth, who was appointed by President Reagan.

The judge disagreed with letting the executive branch alone decide which people to

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74/46



Tomorrow:
Partly cloudy
80/51

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