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**Panetta: Taliban Still Poses Problems**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. has driven al-Qaida into hiding and undermined its leadership, but is struggling to oust its primary sympathizer, the Taliban, from Afghanistan, the nation's spy-master said Sunday.

CIA Director Leon Panetta's assessment comes as President Barack Obama advances a risky new war plan that relies on 98,000 U.S. troops to prop up the Afghan government and prevent al-Qaida from returning. No longer overseeing the commander in chief's mission is Gen. Stanley McChrystal, sacked this past week in a stunning shake-up in U.S. military leadership after his critical comments about the White House.

"We're seeing elements of progress, but this is going to be tough," Panetta told ABC's "This Week."

He said al-Qaida's evolving attack strategy increasingly relies on operatives without any record of terrorism involvement or those already in the U.S. As for Osama bin Laden, Panetta said it's been years since the U.S. had good intelligence about his whereabouts.

Panetta estimated there are fewer than 100 al-Qaida militants operating inside Afghanistan, with the rest hiding along Pakistan's mountainous western border. He said U.S. drone strikes and other spy operations have helped to "take down" half of al-Qaida's senior leaders.

**Pope: Sex Abuse Raids Deplorable**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI lashed out Sunday at what he called the "deplorable" raids carried out by Belgian police who detained bishops, confiscated computers, opened a crypt and took church documents as part of an investigation into priestly sex abuse.

Benedict made a rare personal entry into the escalating diplomatic dispute with Belgium, issuing a message of solidarity to the head of the Belgian bishops' conference and other bishops who were detained in the June 24 raid.

He said justice must take its course, but also asserted the right of the Catholic Church to investigate clerical abuse alongside civil law enforcement authorities.

It was first time the pope himself had commented on the raids, and his message to Monsignor Andre Joseph Leonard capped a daily ratcheting up of the Vatican's criticism. On Saturday, the No. 2 Vatican official said the raids were unprecedented even under communism.

Belgium's justice minister defended the searches on Sunday, saying the bishops were treated normally and that the search warrant was fully legitimate.

**GOP Sens. Question Kagan's Impartiality**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leading Republican senators on Sunday questioned whether Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan could be an impartial judge as they tried to inject some drama into her upcoming confirmation hearing.

Democrats praised Kagan's record and predicted she will win confirmation as the 112th justice — and only the court's fourth woman.

The Senate Judiciary Committee begins the weeklong hearing on Monday. Kagan is not expected to face questions until Tuesday.

Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the top Republican on the committee, said Kagan's nomination has "real problems" that she will have to address.

"I think the first thing we need to decide is, is she committed to the rule of law even if she may not like the law? Will she as a judge subordinate herself to the Constitution and keep her political views at bay?" Sessions said.

**Experts Worry About Gulf's Mental Toll**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Gulf of Mexico oil disaster feels far worse to shrimper Ricky Robin than Katrina, even though he's still haunted by memories of riding out the hurricane on his trawler and of his father's suicide in the storm's aftermath.

The relentless spill is bringing back feelings that are far too familiar to Robin and others still dealing with the physical and emotional toll wrought by Katrina five years ago.

"I can't sleep at night. I find myself crying sometimes," said Robin, of Violet, a blue-collar community on the southeastern edge of the New Orleans suburbs, along the highway that hugs the levee on the Mississippi River's east bank nearly all the way to the Gulf.

Psychiatrists who treated people after Katrina and have held group sessions in oil-spill-stricken areas say the symptoms showing up are much the same: Anger. Anxiety. Drinking. Depression. Suicidal thoughts.

"Everybody's acting strange," said Robin, 56. "Real angry, frustrated, stressed out, fighting brothers and sisters and mamas and family."

**G-20 SUMMIT**

**More Than 600 Arrested In Toronto**

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TORONTO — Police raided a university building and rounded up more protesters Sunday in an effort to quell further violence near the G-20 global economic summit site a day after black-clad youths rampaged through the city, smashing windows and torching police cars.

Police said they have arrested more than 600 demonstrators, many of whom were hauled away in plastic handcuffs and taken to a temporary holding center constructed for the summit.

Police adopted a more aggressive strategy Sunday by going into the crowd to make arrests, compared to the previous day when they stood back as protesters torched four police cars and broke store windows.

No serious injuries were reported among police, protesters or bystanders, Toronto Police Constable Tony Vella said Sunday.

Thousands of police officers in riot gear formed cordons to prevent radical anti-globalization demonstrations from breaching the steel and concrete security fence surrounding the Group of 20 summit site.

Security was being provided by an estimated 19,000 law enforcement officers drawn

from across Canada. Security costs for the G-20 in Toronto and the Group of Eight summit that ended Saturday in Huntsville, 140 miles (225 kilometers) away, were estimated at more than US\$900 million.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper deplored the actions of a "few thugs" and suggested the violence justified the controversial cost. "I think it goes a long way to explaining why we have the kind of security costs around these summits that we do," he said.

The disorder and vandalism shocked Canadians and occurred just blocks from where U.S. President Barack Obama and other world leaders were meeting and staying.

On Sunday, protesters gathered at a park near the detention center — about 2 1/2 miles (four kilometers) east of where the leaders were meeting.

Plainclothes police jumped out of an unmarked van, grabbed a protester off the street and whisked him away in the vehicle. The protest was then quickly broken up by riot police, who set off a device that created a cloud of smoke that sent protesters running down the street.

Vella said it was not tear gas. Toronto police said they used tear gas for the first time ever Saturday during one of the clashes.

About 100 demonstrators chanted, "The

whole world is watching! The whole world is watching!"

Police also surrounded a crowd in another part of the city and pulled people out one-by-one.

Bridie Wyrock, 20, from Cleveland, Ohio, said she was arrested for public mischief for sitting on a street in the financial district. Wyrock, held for 19 hours before being released, said there weren't enough toilets and said some people resisted detention, but said police treated most people with respect.

"They put us in cages, blocked off on all three sides," Wyrock said. "It was cold and dirty."

An anti-poverty group called The Global Call to Action Against Poverty criticized the protesters who committed violence.

"A bunch of pimply faced teenagers trashing shops and burning cars does not help anyone," said Rajesh Latchman of GCAP South Africa. "These hooligans obscure the real issues."

Previous global summit protests have turned violent. In 1999, 50,000 protesters shut down World Trade Organization sessions in Seattle as police fired tear gas and rubber bullets. There were some 600 arrests and \$3 million in property damage. One man died after clashes with police at a G-20 meeting held in London in April 2009.

**Longtime Sen. Byrd In Hospital**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Robert C. Byrd, who holds the record as the longest-serving member of Congress, is seriously ill in a Washington-area hospital, his office said Sunday.

The 92-year-old West Virginia Democrat has been in the hospital since late last week, his office said in a statement. At first Byrd was believed to be suffering from heat exhaustion and severe dehydration, the statement said, but other medical conditions have developed. His condition was described as serious.

The statement did not name the hospital.

In November, Byrd broke the record for congressional service that had been set by Democrat Carl Hayden of Arizona, who served in the House and Senate from 1912 to 1969.

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**Inside Story Behind Miraculous Savings Seen on TV**

Last week, a reader questioned how a shopper could have "their entire grocery bill paid by the use of coupons." Certainly, if you're a good coupon shopper you can coupon a double- or triple-digit grocery bill down to a few dollars and change! But how do the pros do it?

I've been fortunate to appear in a number of TV news segments that demonstrate the great deals shoppers can get when they use coupons well. In March, ABC's "Nightline" pitted me against another shopper to see who could save the most in a single shopping trip. I'm about to spill some of the secrets behind those great shopping trips you see on TV so you, too can reap the big savings.

**Match high-value coupons to low sale prices.**

Any time I'm asked to do a TV-shopping segment, the network typically wants to show extremes - a high bill reduced to an almost unbelievable low total. I approach this sort of shopping trip not necessarily looking for what I want or need to buy but what will deliver the best "bang for the buck" - or the coupon! I look for any item where I can match high-value coupons to a great sale. Shampoo on sale for \$2.99 with a \$3 coupon? It's free and it goes on my list. I will buy any product that will be free with a coupon, regardless of what it is because it will inflate the pre-coupon total, yet I won't pay for those items.

**Use multiple coupons for the same items.**

Because I have two newspapers delivered each week, I often have duplicates of coupons for the same products. Obviously, if one bottle of \$2.99 shampoo is free with a \$3 coupon and I happen to have two of those coupons, buying two free bottles is better than buying one. In fact, this is a trick many TV coupon shoppers employ: they order multiple quantities of the same coupon from a coupon clipping service prior to the segment. Then, they can buy ten \$2.99 bottles of shampoo with ten \$3 coupons. The pre-coupon bill for shampoo alone would be \$29.90. After coupons: \$0.

I don't order extra coupons to "pad" my shopping segments. If I'm asked to do a TV segment, I work with whatever coupons I have at the time. I think it would give a false impression of what normal coupon shoppers can do in an everyday trip if I were to stack the odds by ordering many multiples of the same coupon.

**Use coupons for free products.**

If you're a regular reader, you know that the best way to use a coupon for a free product is to wait until that product goes on sale "Buy one, get one free," then use the coupon to get two items free instead of one. But if I have any coupons near expiration date good for free products, I add those items to my shopping list, too. Their full prices will push the total up... and my coupons will knock it right back down.

**Work for overages.**

Coupon overages can occur when we use coupons with a value that exceeds the selling price of an item. At stores that allow coupon overages, that "extra money" is applied to the entire end total at the checkout. So, if I buy a \$1.50 item with a \$2 coupon, the extra 50 cents may be applied to the cost of other products I'm buying in the same shopping trip. This is a great way to bring down the price of produce and meats.

Next week I'll offer more tips on how your own grocery receipt can match that of a professional's.

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