



132 dead, 156 missing in Jolin Pump prices slide Bluefin not endangered

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JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — Of the 156 people still listed as missing five days after a tornado devastated Joplin, Mo., officials say they expect many are alive. But they warn many others may be dead. Authorities say some of the missing may be safe, but haven't been able to contact family and friends because of spotty cell phone service. The death toll is 132.

ROME (AP) — Military officials now say no Italian peacekeepers have been killed in a blast in southern Lebanon, correcting an earlier report from the foreign ministry. The joint chiefs of staff's office says six Italian peacekeepers in the U.N. mission were wounded when a blast hit their vehicle in Sidon (SY'-duhn), and two of them are in grave condition.

NEW YORK (AP) — Millions of Americans will travel this holiday weekend, and on cheaper gas. AAA and other pump watchers say the national average for a gallon of regular is \$3.81, after sliding for 15 straight days. That's 7 cents cheaper than it was a month ago, but it's still \$1.05 more expensive than the same time last year.

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Federal officials have decided to keep bluefin tuna off the endangered species list. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has rejected a petition from the Center For Biological Diversity, which said the giant, migratory fish faces possible extinction because of overfishing.

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. (AP) — Researchers say they're bringing to shore an anchor from what's believed to be the wreck of the pirate Blackbeard's flagship. The anchor was recovered today from a depth of 20 feet of water off the coast of North Carolina. The Queen Anne's Revenge sank in 1718. It's the second anchor to be recovered.