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East Palestine Derailment

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KDKA: Semi crash, fire on I-79 backs up traffic
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/semi-crash-fire-i-79-exit-54/>

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