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## Top DEP Stories

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## East Palestine Derailment

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/northern-snakeheads-invasive-fish-found-pennsylvania/>

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