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## Top DEP Stories

Pennlive: Searchers don't expect to find woman in Pa. sinkhole alive, police say

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KDKA: Search teams fear abandoned Pennsylvania mine could collapse amid recovery efforts for missing woman who fell through sinkhole

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