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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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26	27 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	28	29	30	31	



Sunlight has broken out (above) after an overnight snowfall as a Connecticut Southern Railroad freight train crosses the Connecticut River at Danfield, CT, running over Amtrak's busy Springfield Line. The lead General Electric B50-8 locomotive carries the bright orange and yellow paint scheme of Connecticut Southern's overcast, worldwide shortline holding company Genesee & Wyoming. The 78-mile CSOR was created in 1994 to serve customers between Springfield, MA and New Haven, CT, as well as on branch lines to the Hartford area.

A passenger shortline Grand Canyon Railway train (left) prepares to depart Grand Canyon Village on a bright winter afternoon. The railroad restores passenger service on the long-dormant 64-mile line between Williams, AZ, and the Grand Canyon in 1969. It carries 150,000 people to and from the South Rim of the canyon each year, reducing automobile traffic on the main highway to the national park. Most trains are powered by diesel locomotives such as these former Amtrak P407PAs, although steam makes appearances on select dates.

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