

# THE THANKSGIVING TRIBUNE

North Hollywood to San Jose, California

Thanksgiving 2015

## Planes, Trains & Automobiles



The trip home after our Thanksgiving visit with Gordon began when he dropped us off at the Amtrak station in Burbank, where we caught the *Coast Starlight* for our ride up the coast to San Jose. We had arrived at this airport about 24 hours earlier.

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When all the family can't be home for Thanksgiving, we take Thanksgiving on the road.

Gordon lives in North Hollywood pursuing his acting career. He also repairs people's computers at the Geek Squad and does set design, drafting and model-building projects for one of his drama professors at UC Davis, who has a Hollywood set designing career of his own.

Emily and I caught the first flight to Burbank on Thanksgiving morning and almost beat the sun getting there. We all feasted, rested and went movie-watching on Gordon's only day off over the weekend.

The next morning Emily and I rode the train home and Gordon enjoyed his first Black Friday on the cash register side of the counter.



**Gordon's biggest acting gig this year was working in an episode of "Murder in the First." The TNT crime drama stars Taye Diggs, restraining Gordon in this screen grab, and Kathleen Robertson, wearing sunglasses, as San Francisco police detectives. He also appeared on stage in Los Angeles last spring in a modern-day version of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" and in a pair of short noir detective plays in the fall (right).**



**After a huge Thanksgiving meal featuring salmon fixed three different ways – what the Pilgrims would have eaten if they'd landed on the Pacific Coast instead of the Atlantic – Gordon and I relax in our hotel room watching the Carolina Panthers dismember the Dallas Cowboys. The Panthers are 11-0, and the Super Bowl is at home this year.**







The *Coast Starlight* runs along the California coast during midday, such as in the inset shot of the beach at Goleta north of Santa Barbara. After stopping at San Luis Obispo at sunset, the train rounds a horseshoe curve on the Cuesta grade to reach inland. This view is toward the rear of the train.





Almost home. Dinner in the Pacific Parlour Car, braised lamb shank and vegetarian lasagna.