

Inglis new full-time instructor

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Brenda Inglis is one of the six new full-time instructors at CCC, working as an alternative programs instructor.

Inglis teaches students who are working on their GEDs (General Educational Development) and high school equivalency certificates.

As an Alternative Programs Instructor, Inglis spends most of her day at the Targeted Learning Center teaching students who are more comfortable in a non-traditional classroom environment.

Inglis first received a degree in art from Oregon State University, and decided that it wouldn't support her. She then went back to school and received a degree in education.

Since receiving her degree, she has taught "Fundamentals of Communication" At OSU, Tarrant Community College in Texas and University of North Texas.

"Oregon is a lot different than Texas," Inglis said. "Texas is the 'buckle of Bible belt'...they have a much stronger emphasis on religion."

Besides teaching as an Al-



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New Alternative Programs Instructor, Brenda Inglis

ternative Programs Instructor at CCC, she has also taught public speaking, adult literacy, GED preparation and basic skills.

"Clackamas takes very good care of their staff," she said. "On the whole, they have more to give to the students. I find it really ex-

citing to try and find new ways to teach..."

Inglis said she sometimes deals with students who don't want to be there, but that most students want to be in class and that attitude is reflected by those students who come to class everyday.

Thoughts on giving thanks

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If you let someone go ahead of you in traffic does it irritate you when they don't acknowledge your kindness with that Oregonian "thank-you" wave? Or are you one of the offenders who plow right in, as if that spot in traffic has your name on it, without so much as a politely raised digit to thank the person who took pity on you and let you ahead of them?

If you are, you are a source of heavy traffic irritation to countless travelers on the highways and byways of life. But you wouldn't be one of those immature poops whose only concern in life is "ME", would you? Naa-ah. Fact is, if you are intelligent enough to read this, you are also intelligent enough to realize that it takes much less effort to thank someone than it does to do that rude traffic thing. You've seen it. Instead of offering a smile or a wave of thanks, the dweeb kind of cocks his or her selfish little head, shrugs, sneers and looks as if he or she is attempting to sniff their front teeth.

Some of us will celebrate Thanksgiving next week. I have been thinking about this holiday, and what it means.

It means a lot of money for grocery stores and turkey farms. It means a lot of us will pig out and somehow gain ten pounds from eating just one meal. It means that some families will get together, and it means that some people will feel lonely on Big Meal Thursday because no one invited them to eat a hefty meal consisting of cranberries, huge pies made with squash and a big bird crammed with bread and sage.

So what is this holiday, anyway? Are we thankful on Thanksgiving anymore?

Has the act of being kind and thankful become passe? Or are an awful lot of us just growing up with some kind of a rude gene-deal going?

Maybe television is to blame. Have you watched much prime and not-so-prime T.V. lately? I make it a point to keep television viewing to a minimum, but I was ill last week and decided to watch a few hours of mindless video-litter. After sitting down and viewing an evening's worth of basic dumb and dumber television it oc-

curred to me that a good majority of what I had just seen was filled with obnoxious people displaying incredibly rude behavior. What's so absurd about this is the fact that it almost seemed as if this attitude is trying to be foisted off on the viewing pub-



lic as a good thing to be.

Similarly, have you heard that song that goes something like, "You gotta be cool, you gotta be hard, you gotta be wiser, you gotta be tough, you gotta be stronger..." My question is why? Why are so many people busy being tougher than the other? What is the point? And as if that were not enough, the song goes on to say, "Love will save the day..." Alright Einstein, how? How is love going to save any day when one is busy being tough, hard and cool? Let's just imagine for a second that the song goes like this, "You gotta be kind, you gotta give back, you gotta be thankful, because nobody owes you a plug nickle -- and then love will save the day, you ungrateful hoser."

Hmmm -- maybe not. That doesn't sound so benevolent, either.

So if you are tempted to feel sorry for yourself on this turkey day because no one invited you to dinner, go get some frozen pizza or a platter of haddock, or something and invite someone over to your place for a meal. Why not decide that a visit to Mom's this year won't consist of punching in on a time clock, conking out in front of the t.v. or a fast dart out of the door before our plates cool off?

As corny as it sounds, why don't we just take a second, look around the table this year and tell each person something about them that we are thankful for? Who knows -- we just might get invited back.

Oh, by the way, if that was you in the little red sedan over by Town Center, thanks for trying to let me in to that big line of traffic, but I was trying to park.

THE MINDRENDER By Matt Jones

Each of the 26 lines below is a one-word movie titles, starting from A to Z. Years, leading performers/directors, and little hints are given. 14 is good, 18 is splendid, and 23 is an addiction (stop watching so many movies!)

- A. Robin Williams, Gilbert Gottfried (1992) (animated)
- B. Tom Hanks (1988)
- C. Humphrey Bogart, Ingmar Bergman (1942)
- D. Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver (1993)
- E. Linda Blair, Max von Sydow (1973) (with "The") (horror)
- F. Chevy Chase (1985)
- G. Robert Deniro, Joe Pesci, Ray Liotta (1990)
- H. Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams, Julia Roberts (1991) (kids')
- I. Dennis Quaid, Martin Short, Meg Ryan (1987)
- J. Richard Dreyfuss (1975) (directed by Steven Spielberg)
- K. Jean-Claude Van Damme (1989)
- L. David Bove (1986) (directed by Jim Henson)
- M. Cher, Nicolas Cage (1987)
- N. Jodie Foster (1995)
- O. Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell (1987)
- P. Arnold Schwarzenegger (1987)
- Q. Kevin Bacon (1986) (movie about bicycle messengers)
- R. Peter Weller (1987) (sci-fi)
- S. Richard Roundtree (1971) (black private-eye movie)
- T. Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange (1982)
- U. Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman (1992)
- V. James Stewart, (1958) (directed by Alfred Hitchcock)
- W. Jack Nicholson, Michelle Pfeiffer (1994)
- X. Olivia Newton-John, Gene Kelly (1980) (features her singing)
- Y. Barbara Streisand (1983)
- Z. Woody Allen, Mia Farrow (1983)

Answers:

A:Aladdin B:Big C:Casablanca D:Dave E:(The) Exorcist F:Fletch G:Goodfellas H:Hook I:Innerspace J:Jaws K:Kickboxer L:Labyrinth M:Moonstruck N:Nell O:Overboard P:Predator Q:Quicksilver R:Robocop S:Shaft T:Tootsie U:Unforgiven V:Vertigo W:Wolf X:Xanadu Y:Yentl Z:Zelig



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