

Captioner helps hearing-impaired

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Super typist Bece Kidder talks about her unique job her car and an intimate relation with stickers

What do you do?

I'm what's called a real-time captioner. I go to students who are either hard of hearing or deaf. I go to their classes and write what the teacher's saying and then it comes up on the

screen translated into English. It's kind of like broadcast captioning on television.

Is that any different than a stenographer?

No, it's the same.

It's a unique enough job. I've never seen anyone doing that in a class.

Yeah, it's pretty unique.

How'd you get into this field?

I've been working for a lot of food service, which I didn't mind. Then I switched to retail and I thought I was going to kill myself, or thought, "Am I some sort of sadist?"

I started researching jobs, and I just happened to come upon this job. It's fate, I guess.

Do you enjoy it?

(emphatically) Oh yeah, I like it a lot.

What aspects of it do you like?

I like that it's different everyday. And some of the classes are very interesting. It's kind of like going to school for free. I also like helping the students.

It is a unique job and that shows something about you. What type of person would you describe yourself as?

I'm a very creative person, and I have a lot of hobbies.

I saw you driving out of the parking lot and noticed the whole back of your car was covered in bumper stickers. What's with the bumper stickers?

I don't know I just started sticking stickers on my car. If somebody gives me stickers, I'll put them on my car. That's just something I came up with. Not to pay for the bumper stickers.

I've always wanted an art car and so it's kind of a lame attempt at an art car.

I wanted to put "On the Road," the book, on my car and I had all of these letter stickers. I started writing each sentence out with these letter stickers. It takes a very long time and also the stickers don't really stay. Then I thought I'd just re-paste "On the Road" on my car, like find an old copy somewhere.

Is Jack Kerouac one of your favorite authors?

I like him. He's up there.

Who's your favorite would you say?

I read a lot and it's quite varied so I don't know. I actually like a lot of zines. I like Aaron's "Cometbus." It's a really good zine that's been around since the eighties. He's written a lot of stuff.

What's your favorite sticker?

Oooh I really like the "garbage is beautiful" sticker, you probably didn't see it. It's on the side and it's really big.

I like the "I heart lefties" one as well. I've never actually dated anyone who's a left-handed person but I just like it because it could be left-handed people or left-wing people or I don't know leftovers? It's ambiguous I feel.

Most important question: Chuck Taylor

Well they both have their place would have to say Chuck Taylors more than high heels.

What type of music do you listen to?

It's all so varied. I like a lot of things towards the bebop, freeprov.

I like the Grateful Dead and I like punk. I just have a wide range of what I'm a mix.

Do you have to go to school full time?

Yeah, I would say you would. It's a lot of discipline. You can learn the things quickly but it's the speed that takes a lot of time because you'll hit walls at certain points and you just can't seem to get past them.

There is a huge dropout percent, and if you want to go into the field you're determined. Once you get it down you have a lot of freedom.

Does it work based on the words? Because I noticed it doesn't work with keys.

I think it has 24. It's just missing a few. It doesn't have like a C because a C is an S or a K. It's phonetic. Then the order of the vowels tells if like it's a long A or a short A. And it works by syllables. It's a couple of keys for one syllable. So you're not every letter. I make up briefs all the time you hear constantly, like if it's a three word and your sick of writing each syllable just now with "Symbolic" I'm like sick of writing symbolic and "symbolism" just finished transcribing for a literature class.

Do they find it helpful, the people you're working with?

Yeah, I think it's very helpful. Some don't use it that much. The hard part is people just miss things every once in a while. They just look back to see what they missed.

I send the notes after the class, so if anything they can go through it. I don't know how many students do that, I mean some are 50 pages or longer.

What type of people need this most?



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Super Torta serves students super deal on super food

By Mark Foster
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As I walked in, I immediately knew I was in for something special. The smells of sizzling pork and steak filled the entire restaurant. Super Torta is one of the best, quick stop in-and-out Mexican restaurants in Portland.

It may not look like much, but what does it matter as long as the food is good. And let me tell you, the food is very good. I ordered a pork torta, a carne

asada taco, and a chile relleno.

First, the torta. Onions, lettuce, tomatoes, avocado, butter, mayonnaise, beans and pork all stuffed in a fresh Mexican telera bread roll. One word: delicious. Now I'm not a big fan of tomatoes so I had to substitute jalapenos for tomatoes. Aside from that fact, there is nothing else I would do to this sandwich. The way everything came together with each bite was simply mind blowing. The pork mixing with the avocado and the avocado mixing with the beans, at that moment I was on cloud nine.

It was like the time I saw my first Playboy, the only reaction I could muster up, "Woahhhh."

It was that good.

I finished the torta like it was nothing, looked in to my brown paper bag and pulled out this huge soft shell taco wrapped in wax paper. My first thought was, "Did they give me a burrito instead of the taco?" When I opened it up I realized, no this is not a burrito, it's just a huge taco. Typically, most Mexican restaurants will sprinkle some meat on there then load on the pico de gallo to make it look like more than what it really is.

First bite, first thought, "How did I not discover Super Torta sooner?" My taste buds were dancing like I had just hit the Powerball and the taco was the win-



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From left to right: Race Hebrard, Molly Benz and Austin Beckwith enjoy their meal from Super Torta.

ning ticket. The blending of seasonings and avocado sauce

sent me into a frenzy and if I wanted, I could have myself from eating more.

I was getting full but I had to finish.

I capped it all off with a chile relleno. The chile was as fresh as if it were right before they cooked me. Topped with pico de gallo it was exactly what I needed to fill my appetite. The chile and the chile were so good after every bite it was like a sip of juice, making mouth water.

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