

# The Bucket List: The pains involved in crossing off No. 1



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Everyone has a bucket list; that ever eccentric list of endeavors they wish to embark on before they die. Unless you are a fish, then your bucket list is all about the buckets you wish to own someday, but that's another column for another time. Bucket lists have become a huge part of pop culture with movies and TV shows chronicling the lives of people crossing items off of their list.

"The Buried Life," an MTV show that first aired in 2010, follows four young men who drive cross country to accomplish their 100 item bucket list. For each item they cross off of their list they help a stranger begin theirs. So far these men have broken into a party at the Playboy Mansion and attempted to streak across a stadium without getting caught; they did streak but ended up in jail, which crossed off a different item from their list. At the same time they have helped people off of the streets, accompanied a young girl on her first roller coaster ride and helped a survivor of hurricane Katrina visit her mother's grave for the first time.

Every week I will share with you either one item I've crossed off of my bucket list or one thing I think you should put on yours.

This summer I got my first tattoo; while I've known what I wanted to get for a few years now, actually getting it happened on a whim. I was with a friend and a co-worker when my co-worker

decided she wanted to get a tattoo right then. She got hers in the first shop that we passed but I decided to wait because I didn't like that particular shop, as they were trying to justify charging \$160 for a two inch tattoo and hadn't drawn up what I asked for.

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I asked for the word, "Shine" in very feminine font, but instead it looked like it belonged on the bottom of a skateboard and he failed to even draw the star I asked

for. I Googled nearby tattoo shops and found a shop that sounded reasonable.

When we first arrived at the shop I found it very intimidating as they did the tattooing where everyone could see, but when they said they would hide me behind a screen I was happy with both the shop and the price. The tattoo I got was the same size as my co-worker's but less than half the price. I had, had a fever all day and the shop was excruciatingly hot, so why I had decided to get the tattoo that day I still don't know.

"Can you give me a sample prick?" I asked.

"Sounds kind of like a bad first date to me," she responded.

We all laughed and after the 'sample prick' and despite my being sick I felt more at ease than I had at the other shop.

The tattoo artist kept calling the needles "pins" but I know better than that. I squeezed my co-workers hand as if I was about to go off the deep end, "Ow, ow,

ow." I said. Still, I was surprised at how little it hurt, the only time I felt any serious pain was when the needle went near my bones or scar tissue, it was more nerves than anything else. Once it was over it felt more like a sunburn than what I had expected from getting a tattoo.

In the end I was happy with the shop, the artist and myself for the whole experience. My tattoo looks great and I definitely want another. Though I know tattoos are not for everyone I believe that if it is on your bucket list and you know you want to get one go for it, but don't be afraid to shop around. If you find a shop that feels the need to justify their inflated prices or they can not draw up what you want, then it's not the shop for you.

Remember your tattoo will be with you forever so don't compromise and if you are going to get something in a language that you don't understand, do your research so you don't end up with "cow shit" written on you in Chinese.



Katie Aamatti Clackamas Print

Mandie Gavitt, at Adorn tattoo parlor, in the Portland area, gets her first tattoo and crosses off bucket list item number one.



John William Howard Clackamas Print

Mandie shows off her new tattoo during the first day of production at The Clackamas Print, RR135.

## Drama of summer yields tragedy and triumph

The summer of 2011 leaves us with memories of blockbuster movies, iconic deaths, military policy change, and an astonishing verdict

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The Clackamas Print has been out for the summer which was a couple of record breaking news months. Here's what we missed:

### She should have gone to rehab

English singer/songwriter Amy Winehouse died on July 23. Winehouse launched her music career in 2003 with an album called 'Frank'. She was best known for her song 'Rehab'. Winehouse was found dead at her home in London. The cause of death remains unknown but her father believes she died as a result of trying to detox from alcohol at home. Family and friends held a funeral on July

26. Winehouse's final recording, a duet with Tony Bennett was released on Sept. 14 to remember what would have been her 28th birthday.

### The end of an era: The last Harry Potter movie released

For many people the theatrical release of the final installment of Harry Potter, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows part 2, on July 11, came with mixed feelings; As the cohort of those that grew up with the series saw the end of something they considered a vital piece of their childhood. The book series originally began in 1997 with a release of only 500 copies in print. Today it is known for being best-selling series of all time with 450 million copies sold. The final film grossed \$168.5 million dollars on its opening weekend.

### An anniversary: 9/11 remembered 10 years later

The gruesome images from September 11, 2001 flooded television this summer as the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attack was remembered. Memorial services were held around the country. A permanent memorial is now where the twin towers once stood and a sibling museum will be opening up next door to it. At the opening of the memorial, family members read the names of their loved ones lost in the tragic attack.

### The King Returns: Disney's The Lion King released in 3D

Harry Potter was not the only opportunity to relive your childhood this summer. The Lion King, originally released in 1995, was rereleased in theaters for two weeks this summer in 3D. Following the release in theaters it was brought out of the vault for sale in Blu-ray and 3D for home viewing. This is the start of many childhood favorites being re-released in the coming years in 3D. Finding Nemo, Monsters Inc., Beauty and the Beast and The Little Mermaid, will all be released within the next two years.

### Policy lifted: Don't ask DO tell

"Don't ask don't tell," a policy that allows homosexuals to serve in the military, assuming they keep their sexual orientation a secret, was lifted on September 20th. This means that homosexuals are now allowed to openly serve in the military without keeping their identity a secret. "Repeal Day" celebrations were held across the country. The first gay couple to be married after the repeal was Navy Lt. Gary Ross, and Partner Dan Swezy. They were married at 12:01 EST in Vermont.

### Casey Anthony Found Innocent/Hickman Trial

In a verdict that surprised the nation,

Casey Anthony was found innocent of murdering her two-year-old daughter Caylee Anthony, who was reported missing in July of 2008. Released a few weeks after the trial, Casey Anthony was instead convicted of four counts of lying to the police and is serving probation for check fraud in hiding.

A local couple, Dale and Shannon Hickman, charged with manslaughter did not have Casey Anthony's luck and were found guilty. The parents refused to seek medical care for their infant son David who was born premature and died in less than nine hours. The parents are members of the Oregon City Followers of Christ church, which has a history of children dying from treatable illnesses because their parents refuse to seek medical care and rely on divine intervention instead. Found guilty, the couple is awaiting sentencing.

### Steve Jobs resigns then dies

Steve Jobs, creator of Apple, passed away on Oct. 5, after he resigned as Apple's chief executive on Aug. 24, stating health reasons for the cause of his resignation and taking a position as the chairman of the board. He was replaced by Tim Cook whom Jobs himself recommended. Jobs suffered from a rare form of pancreatic cancer and was a college drop-out who briefly attended Reed College in Portland.