

Crews clean off Seattle gum wall

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A worker uses a powerful steam cleaner to work decades of gum off a "gum wall" that stretches behind and above him, Tuesday in Seattle. Tourists and locals have been sticking their used chewing gum to the wall near Pike Place Market for 20 years, leaving an estimated 1 million pieces in a kaleidoscope of colors, some stretched and pinched into messages, hearts and other designs.

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson



Jessica Wang, left, visiting from Los Angeles, has her photo taken by Michael Teylan, right, at Seattle's "gum wall" at Pike Place Market, Monday.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

SEATTLE — A piece of Seattle history is coming down — or rather, 1 million little pieces.

Crews are cleaning the city's famed "gum wall" near Pike Place Market, where tourists and locals have been sticking their used chewing gum for the past 20 years.

The wall is plastered with wads of gum in a kaleidoscope of colors, some stretched and pinched into messages, hearts and other designs. People also have used the gooey gobs to paste up pictures, business cards and other mementos.

On Tuesday, powerful steam cleaners were melting it all off.

Emily Crawford, a Pike Place Market spokeswoman, said that following a busy summer season, market leaders decided now was as good a time as any to wipe the wall clean. But they expect people will start leaving gum on the space again soon.

"It's an icon. It's history," said onlooker Zoe Freeman, who works near Pike Place. "The market is famous for the gum wall. But it also draws rats."

Pike Place Market hired a contractor, Cascadian Building Maintenance, to take on the cleaning. They chose steam over pressure washing to conserve the historic market's brick walls. The blasts of moist air against a mass of dried gum sent a fruity, sweet smell through the alley.

"I just hope that the

Since then, the "gum wall" has expanded beyond one wall and onto other walls of an alley, pipes and even the theater's box office window.

Crawford said the cleaning crew will collect and weigh the gum each day it is removed. The cleaning is expected to take three days.

By Crawford's rough calculation, there are about 2,200 pounds of gum on the walls.

"We'll find out at the end of the week how right my guessimate really is," she said.

Market officials hope to contain where people put their gum in the future but say they aren't holding their breath.

citizens of Seattle don't hate me for removing the gum wall," said Kelly Foster, the contractor's general manager.

People first began smooching their gum to the wall while waiting for shows at the nearby Market Theater.

Armed deputy patrolling Umpqua following shooting

PORTLAND (AP) — An armed sheriff's deputy has started patrolling an Oregon college where a gunman killed nine people and himself last month.

Douglas County deputy Scott Batsch began patrols Monday at Umpqua Community College. When a shooter attacked the Roseburg campus Oct. 1, it had one guard armed only with pepper spray.

Batsch is a recently retired deputy with experience as a school resource officer, patrolman and detective. Umpqua's \$30,000 contract with Douglas County will pay for him to be on campus seven hours a day, five days a week through June 30, *The Oregonian* reported. He will have a car on campus but mostly will patrol on foot.

Oregon law says community colleges can't employ armed officers, but they can contract with police agencies for the service.

"Obviously the school has been through a lot and the community has been through a lot, and having that uniformed presence will make everyone involved feel a little bit better going forward," said Cpl. Dwee Hutson, the sheriff's department spokesman.

Students protested at Portland State University and the University of Oregon when administrators decided to arm their

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officers. But Anne Marie Levis, Umpqua Community College public information officer, expects no opposition on the Roseburg campus.

"After a tragedy like this, people have a different perspective," Levis said. "We've had other armed police officers on campus, so it's one of those things that just gives people peace of mind, at this point."

Oregon State Police troopers and other armed officers have patrolled Umpqua's campus at times since the shootings, Levis said.

County Commissioner Tim Freeman said the college requested the contract, which he and the other two commissioners approved.

"It's a large campus, so it's hard to say that having one armed officer, depending on the situation, could have been effective," Freeman said. "I don't want to give any false illusions about how much or how little it'll make things better."

Chipotle reopening Northwest restaurants after *E. coli* outbreak

SEATTLE (AP) — Chipotle said Tuesday that it is reopening the 43 Pacific Northwest restaurants it closed amid an *E. coli* outbreak after tests at the Mexican food chain came back negative for the bacteria.

Health officials have not found a cause of the outbreak that started last month but concluded there is no ongoing risk of contracting the illness that has sickened about 40 people.

Chipotle will reopen the restaurants in Washington state and Oregon in the coming days after giving them a deep cleaning and

ordering a fresh supply of ingredients, the company said. It also said it is testing the new food prior to restocking and is instituting additional safety procedures and audits in all of its 2,000 restaurants to ensure robust food safety standards.

Chipotle Chairman Steve Ells apologized to those affected by the outbreak.

"The safety of our customers and integrity of our food supply has always been our highest priority," he said in a statement. "If there are any opportunities for us to do better in any facet of our sourcing or food

handling — from the farms to our restaurants — we will find them."

The outbreak was traced to 11 Chipotle restaurants in Oregon and Washington, but the company closed 43 locations in its Seattle and Portland markets as a precaution. It said it conducted additional sanitization measures in its restaurants nationwide and confirmed that none of its workers had *E. coli*.

Dr. Scott Lindquist, Washington's state epidemiologist, had said he expected the restaurants to reopen by Wednesday or Thursday. The most recent person sickened

by *E. coli* reported eating at Chipotle on Oct. 24. People typically become sick about three to four days after exposure, but it can take as long as 10 days.

The bacteria are associated with animal waste and can be spread through contaminated water or improperly cured compost. Symptoms include diarrhea, abdominal

cramps, nausea and vomiting.

Foodborne illnesses are not easy to track to the source of the outbreak, said Jonathan Modie, a spokesman for the Oregon Health Authority.

"Finding the source of the outbreak is often like finding a needle in the haystack," Modie said Monday.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Periods of sun, a shower; windy	Some sun, then turning cloudy	Cloudy with a little rain	Partly sunny and mild	Cooler with rain tapering off

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

51°	33°	52°	43°	61°	52°	65°	44°	52°	32°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

55°	31°	53°	42°	63°	53°	67°	44°	56°	32°
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE HIGH LOW
Yesterday 50° 38°
Normals 52° 34°
Records 71° (1930) 12° (1911)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.31"
Normal month to date 0.41"
Year to date 6.94"
Last year to date 9.65"
Normal year to date 10.40"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE HIGH LOW
Yesterday 54° 32°
Normals 53° 34°
Records 72° (1989) 9° (1936)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
Month to date 0.16"
Normal month to date 0.37"
Year to date 4.74"
Last year to date 5.85"
Normal year to date 7.65"

SUN AND MOON

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25	Dec 2

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today with spotty showers.

Eastern and Central Oregon: A shower today, but rain and drizzle in the south and central parts.

Western Washington: Intervals of clouds and sun today with a shower in spots.

Eastern Washington: Snow today, 1-3 inches in the mountains; showers near the Idaho border. A rain or snow shower in the north.

Cascades: Cloudy today. A shower; snow, accumulating 1-3 inches in the south.

Northern California: Partial sunshine today; cold in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	55	41	sh	55	52	r
Baker City	42	17	c	43	26	s
Bend	42	22	c	47	33	pc
Brookings	55	42	sh	57	44	pc
Burns	44	13	ca	44	19	s
Enterprise	39	17	r	39	28	pc
Eugene	54	34	r	53	41	pc
Heppner	48	28	pc	49	38	pc
Hermiston	55	31	pc	53	42	pc
John Day	45	25	r	48	32	pc
Klamath Falls	44	22	pc	47	23	s
La Grande	45	24	sn	45	36	pc
Meacham	43	23	c	43	36	pc
Medford	49	35	c	52	33	pc
Newport	52	40	c	53	47	pc
North Bend	55	40	r	57	47	pc
Ontario	47	25	c	46	26	s
Pasco	55	28	pc	51	41	pc
Pendleton	51	33	pc	52	43	pc
Portland	54	39	c	52	47	c
Redmond	46	21	c	49	29	pc
Salem	55	36	c	53	46	pc
Spokane	44	27	sh	42	37	pc
Ukiah	42	22	c	44	33	pc
Vancouver	53	38	c	51	47	c
Walla Walla	51	36	pc	50	43	pc
Yakima	54	26	pc	52	38	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	49	37	c	51	40	c
Hong Kong	82	75	pc	82	72	c
Jerusalem	62	47	pc	65	53	s
London	60	49	pc	60	49	pc
Mexico City	76	50	pc	73	52	pc
Moscow	37	33	sn	38	30	sn
Paris	60	50	pc	58	47	pc
Rome	68	47	pc	67	47	s
Seoul	60	46	c	63	46	pc
Sydney	73	66	sh	79	64	t
Tokyo	61	53	c	61	53	r

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	S 4-8
Pendleton	WSW 10-20	SSW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

0 1 2 1 0 0

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Severe storms will extend from Texas to Wisconsin today. High winds will blast the southern Plains as a blizzard visits part of Colorado. Rain will retreat to New England and expand in the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 90° in Boca Raton, Fla. Low 4° in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	53	27	s	55	29	s
Atlanta	70	57	pc	67	47	pc
Atlantic City	62	51	pc	63	51	sh
Baltimore	64	45	pc	62	43	r
Billings	46	31	c	44	29	s
Birmingham	72	61	pc	66	44	pc
Boise	46	28	pc	45	31	s
Boston	51	41	r	54	48	r
Charleston, SC	73	54	s	80	52	pc
Charleston, WV	61	47	pc	64	40	pc
Chicago	62	44	r	53	34	c
Cleveland	59	46	s	58	40	r
Dallas	78	47	t	68	44	pc
Denver	41	24	sn	44	20	pc
Detroit	58	46	pc	55	40	c
El Paso	62	35	s	66	41	pc
Fairbanks	15	-6	sf	3	-9	pc
Fargo	42	29	r	41	27	c
Honolulu	86	75	sh	86	75	sh
Houston	82	58	t	71	52	pc
Indianapolis	63	45	pc	57	35	pc
Jacksonville	79	57	s	84	59	pc
Kansas City	70	41	t	58	33	c
Las Vegas	61	40	c	66	43	s
Little Rock	75	48	t	66	42	s
Los Angeles	73	48	s	78	50	s
Louisville	65	52	pc	61	40	s
Memphis	74	50	t	64	43	s
Miami	87	75	pc	87	75	pc
Millwaukee	59	45	r	52	36	c
Minneapolis	51	39	r	54	32	c
Nashville	71	53	pc	64	41	s
New Orleans	79	69	s	74	55	pc
New York City	58	49	c	60	49	r
Oklahoma City	68	39	s	64	35	s
Omaha	62	38	r	54	31	s
Philadelphia	65	51	pc	63	49	r
Phoenix	69	46	s	76	49	r
Portland, ME	47	33	r	50	44	r
Providence	53	38	r	56	47	r
Raleigh	66	47	pc	72	46	pc
Rapid City	44	31	pc	45	28	s
Reno	45	22	s	46	23	s
Sacramento	68	48	s	65	39	s
St. Louis	62	47	t	60	39	s
Salt Lake City	44	30	pc	47	28	pc
San Diego	74	51	s	76	52	pc
San Francisco	62	48	s	63	48	r
Seattle	51	41	pc	50	48	r
Tucson	65	39	s	74	44	s
Washington, DC	64	50	pc	65	47	sh
Wichita	67	39	pc	63	31	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.