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Who can forget the simple childhood pleasure of softening up a few pieces of gum until they're just right, then slowly puffing air into the bubble until it blocks your vision?

In case you're wondering, the record for largest bubble gum blown has stood for 17 years. Chad Fell of the United States blew a bubblegum bubble with a 20-inch diameter back in 2004, crediting three pieces of Dubble Bubble gum as the secret of his success. Fell has a place of honor in The Guinness Book of World Records for his accomplishment. That was the unassisted record, meaning Fell didn't use his hands.

In July 1994, Susan Montgomery Williams of Fresno, Calif., blew a bubblegum bubble with a diameter of 23 inches to claim the top spot in the category of Largest Bubblegum Bubble Blown (As-

So how can you improve your skills at home? A few tips:

- * Chew a few pieces of gum until the flavor is gone, really softening it



up. Some online suggestions recom mend sugar-free gum, which they say is stronger.

* Flatten it out a little, like when using Silly Putty. Some do this on the roof of their

mouth, some do gymnastics in their mouth to spin the gum around and shape it.

- * Stick your tongue into the gum to poke a little hole and start the bubble.
- * Gently blow air into the bubble with soft, even puffs. Breathe in through your nose for more air.
- * Keep going! It takes a ton of practice

