



Techno Pops

So much for the days of the simple, all-day sucker. Cap Toys, a Cleveland novelty and toy maker, is giving old-fashioned sweets a new-fangled twist with its battery-powered Spin Pop and Lazer Pop lollies.

The Spin Pop features a mechanized handle that automatically twirls the attached candy (or any pop with a stick that will fit) at the touch of a button. About all a lolly-loving kid has to do is stick out his tongue.

The Lazer Pop sports a colorful cylinder of candy (in flavors like watermelon and sour cherry) mounted atop a miniature flashlight. Push the button and the lolly lights up.

According to Joe Calderone of Manhattan's Serendipity restaurant and novelty store, sales of the high-tech candy have been sweet so far. "They're no Pet Rocks," he says, "but they're pretty hot."

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