NOVEL BIODEGRADABLE CHEWING GUM BASE CONTAINS LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT ELASTOMER REPLACEMENT COMPOUNDS. A gum base and a chewing gum are disclosed containing a polyester polymer obtainable by the polymerization of two or more different cyclic ester monomers, where the cyclic ester monomers have a low glass transition temperature (Tg) and the polyester polymer has a glass transition temperature (Tg) in disclosed ranges. PCT Applications DK02/00201, 202, 203, 205 (Publication Nos. WO 02/076228-31) are filed by Dandy A/S (Vejle, Denmark). Inventors are Wittorff, Andersen, Storey. Priority Denmark 3/23/01. Published 10/3/02.*

CENTER-FILLED GUM LOLLIPOP WITH HARD CANDY SHELL. A three-phase center-filled gum or bubble gum candy lollipop product. An extruded gum or bubble gum material has a semiliquid center-fill material added to it in a batch forming mechanism simultaneously with the formation of an exterior candy shell. The three-phase rope of material is formed into lollipop candy members in a forming machine and lollipop sticks are inserted into them. The formed lollipop products are then cooled, tumbled and prepared for further processing. Patent 20020142059 was applied for on March 12, 2001, and issued on October 3, 2002. Inventors are Demian Arenas, Marc Degady, Bharat Jani, Edward M. Janos and Richard Warrington.

STAIN-REMOVING CHEWING GUM AND CONFECTIONERY COMPOSITIONS, and methods of making and using the same. A composition in the form of a chewing gum composition or a confectionery composition containing stain-removing agents selected from anionic and nonionic surfactants and methods of preparing and using the same to remove stains from dental material including teeth. Patent 6,471,945 was applied for on December 20, 2000, and issued on October 29, 2002, to Warner-Lambert Co. Inventors are Samantha K. Holme and John Luo Shiu. A SHELF-STABLE COOKIE DOUGH CONFECTION, PRODUCT, PACKAGING APPARATUS AND PROCESS have been invented by Christine L. Corriveau, Timothy J. Guydan, Michael P. McHale, Gregory J. Milosch, George M. Nichlula and Ronald L. Ream. An apparatus for metering and dispensing a compressible confection comprises at least one metering pump having an intake port and a discharge port; at least one internal bottom shutoff nozzle; at least one product line interconnecting the metering pump and the internal bottom shutoff nozzle; and a control mechanism for cyclically operating the metering pump and the internal bottom shutoff nozzle in synchronization with the metering pump such that generally constant pressure is maintained between the metering pump and the internal bottom shutoff nozzle. Patent 20020142081 was applied for on January 8, 2001, and issued on October 3, 2002. to Wm. Wrigley, Jr. Co.

A LIQUEFIED GAS EXTRACTION PROCESS has been invented by L.V. Benningfield, Jr., Donald R. Hall, Michael R. Hall and Michael Moser. A process for extracting a fat from a feedstock (e.g., chocolate liquor) includes mixing the feedstock with a liquefied gas solvent (e.g., butane), filtering, washing the retentate with additional solvent, refiltering, drying, granulating, aerating the granulate and separating the fat from the solvent in the original filtrate. The mixing, filtering, washing, refiltering, drying and granulating are conducted under an atmosphere consisting essentially of the solvent vapor. An improved solvent extraction process includes repeatedly loading and unloading an extractor with solvent and feedstock to extract fat from the feedstock, wherein throughout loading, extracting, unloading and repeating a pressure in the extractor is continuously maintained above atmospheric pressure; the extractor is continuously maintained under an oxygen-free atmosphere; and/or the extractor is continuously maintained under an atmosphere consisting essentially of a vapor of the solvent. Patent 20020160087 was applied for on April 30, 2001, and issued on October 31, 2002.

AQUEOUS FILM COATING WITH IMPROVED PROPERTIES has been invented by Susan M. Grillo, David K. Isganitis, Stuart C. Porter, Rita M. Steffenino and Edward J. Woznicki. Providing a film coating on solid forms such as pharmaceutical tablets, foods, confectionery forms, seeds for agriculture and the like by coating them with polydextrose, or a combination of polydextrose and another polymer, or a layer of polydextrose overcoated by a layer of another polymer. Patent 6,468,561 was applied for on June 30, 1997, and issued on October 22, 2002, to BPSI Holdings Inc.

A METHOD OF CONTINUOUSLY TREATING A CHOCOLATE MASS TO BE PROCESSED includes the steps of suspending thermally treated seed crystals in a partial mass of the chocolate mass to form a suspension and adding the suspension to the chocolate mass. An apparatus for continuously treating a chocolate mass to be processed includes a tank designed and arranged to store the chocolate mass, a conveying conduit designed and arranged to connect the tank with a consumer and to convey the chocolate mass towards the consumer, a conveying pump arranged in the conveying conduit, a conduit including an exit and designed and arranged to introduce a suspension including seed crystals into the conveying conduit, a dose pump arranged in the conduit, and a tempering machine connected to the conveying conduit and including at least one cooling stage and at least one mixing stage, the mixing stage having a beginning portion, the beginning portion being connected to the exit of the conduit in a way to introduce the suspension including seed crystals into the chocolate mass. Patent 20020150668 was applied for on April 5, 2002, and issued October 17, 2002. The inventor is Gerhard Ridderdusbusch.

CHEWING GUM-CONTAINING TABLET contains a gum base and a tablet base such that in the mouth, the tablet exhibits a first crumbly stage which changes to a second chewing gum stage. PCT Application EP02/03064 (Publication No. WO 02/078459) is filed by Societe des Produits Nestles SA (Vevey, Switzerland). Inventor is Soldani. Priority Great Britain March 29, 2001. Published October 10, 2002.*

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