

NEWS WATCH

The secret to staying thin forever

Here's why that svelte friend who looked great at 30 still looks fabulous at 45: She rarely misses a workout. In a study sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, people who exercised at least 30 minutes per day from their 20s through middle age gained little or no weight and main-

tained their body mass index (BMI), regardless of what they ate. Can't find the motivation to work out every day? Jazz up your routine with a new home-fitness prop,

such as the Equalizer (left; \$99 at www.lebertequalizer.com), a lightweight bar that helps strengthen your core.

Bad news for "healthy" entrees

Ordering lighter fare at restaurants could set you up for calorie overkill. A study in the Journal of Consumer Research found that people who choose healthful menu options often sabotage their choices by adding high-cal drinks, side dishes, and desserts. To stay on track, eat at least three to five ounces of lean protein (about the size of a deck of cards), such as fish or chicken, says Lisa Dorfman, RD, a spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association. That'll help you feel full and resist temptations. And instead of adding cheese fries, add a baked potato sprinkled with a bit of Parmesan.

Chew away hunger

Pop a piece of sugarless gum into your mouth before heading to the vending machine. Scottish researchers found that this simple trick may reduce your snack intake by 25 calories. Chewing seems to trick you into feeling fuller.

SNACK SMART





Häagen Dazs **Coconut Sorbet**

170 CALORIES PER SERVING

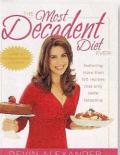
Sorbet has fewer calories than ice cream, right? Not if you're snacking on this one. It's creamy and rich ... and fattening!

Breyers All-Natural Strawberry Ice Cream

120 CALORIES PER SERVING

Real ice cream that isn't calorieheavy? Yes! This one is 100-plus calories lighter per serving than other premium ice creams.

WISE WORDS



"I just love chocolate, so I spike my breakfast smoothies and oatmeal with cocoa powder, which has 1 gram of fiber per tablespoon. That may not sound like a lot, but it adds up. Thanks to cocoa powder, my 'Cleaner' Mud Pie has only 210 calories and 3 grams of fat, but 4 grams of fiber."

—DEVIN ALEXANDER

Author of The Most Decadent Diet Ever! (\$20; Broadway Books, 2008). Visit Health.com for Alexander's dreamy pie recipe.