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          After they become adults, most people don't realize
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     that they gain slightly less than one pound of weight per
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     year. Now, researchers say that they have found out why
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     most dieters regain all of the weight they lose on low-
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     calorie diets: Nature works against them.
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          According to one new study, everyone's metabolism,
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     fat or thin, adjusts to maintain one's prediet weight. In
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     this study, men and women were put on weight-gaining and
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     weight-losing diets. Their metabolisms, that is, the rate
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     at which they burn calories, slowed down when they lost
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     weight and remained that way for the next several months.
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          After the obese people lost weight, they burned fewer
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     calories than other obese people who had not slimmed down.
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     The numbers meant that they would slowly regain their lost
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     weight even if they continued to eat quite reasonably.
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          It worked in reverse for those who were on weight-
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     gaining diets, who gained up to one-tenth of their initial
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     weight. But when their diets stopped, their bodies burned
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     enough additional calories to push their weights back to
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     their original levels. The results were just the same for
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     people regardless of gender, ethnic background, or age.
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          The findings suggest that it is difficult, but not
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     impossible, for people to maintain healthier weight levels.
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     Decreasing one's food intake or increasing energy output
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     for a short period is not going to control weight. Good
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     nutrition and increased physical activity over the long
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     term are necessary to keep weight off.
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