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DRESSING ROOM



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title that comes with a modeling contract and a cash prize.

COMFORT KICKS

We know how much we mistreat our feet when we wear those stilettos, but non-supportive flats and floppy sandals can be nearly as bad. Luckily, as stated here before, makers of orthotic shoes have finally realized that these shoes should have some looks about them.

Aetrex, purveyor of such comfort and wellness foot gear, has come up with stylish options. These new styles include the company's first ballet flat, plus additions to its Essence, Sandalistas and Berries collections. Aetrex footwear incorporates the brand's "Healthy 3" components: Lynco orthotic footbeds, memory foam cushioning and Aegis antimicrobial technology.

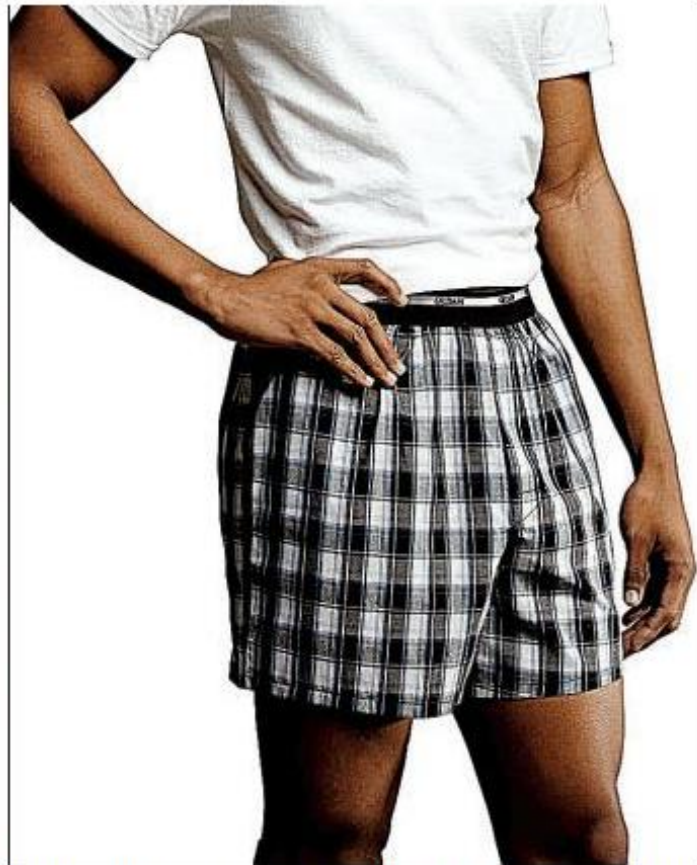
From the Essence collection I tried the Jamie (\$129.95), a low-heeled sandal whose stretch fabric upper consists of two wide, surplice-style bands and a buckled heel strap featuring an elastic gore for adjustability. The Jamies are a welcome break from those high-heeled platform pumps I shouldn't be wearing. There are also the Sandalistas, which include the company's Cork Comfort collection of shoes with metallic uppers.

New Sandalista styles include the Lena (\$99.95), a thong sandal with a braided crisscross thong strap design and a midfoot strap with hook-and-loop closure to accommodate different foot widths. The Lenas are also heaven for the feet, but run large. I recommend buying a full size down.

Aetrex footwear is available in women's sizes 5-11 (including half sizes and wide sizes) and men's sizes 7-14. Visit aetrex.com to order, obtain more information and find retailers.



Who says sandals have to be skimpy and uncomfortable to be sexy? Aetrex, purveyor of comfort and wellness foot gear, offers the Jamie, a low-heeled sandal whose stretch fabric upper consists of two wide bands in a surplice style.



Dad just might appreciate a few Father's Day basics via Gildan, the underwear label. In addition to its basic men's T-shirts and colored boxers, Gildan has introduced its Platinum line of boxer-briefs.