the good life health

JANET JONES

A former Miami Heat dancer, 33-year-old Dominican-Cuban Jones created the Vixen Workout, a hip-hop dance class.

GET DOLLED UP.

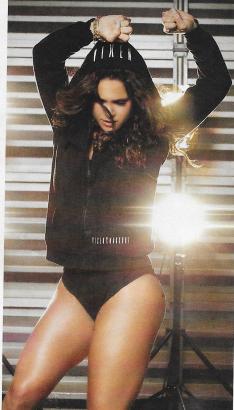
"If you're down and out, freshen your makeup before you work out so you look sexier when you see yourself in the gym mirror."

SHAKE YOUR BOOTY.

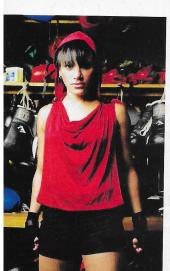
Exercising can feel like an extra thing on a woman's to-do list. Think of dance classes as just having fun with your girlfriends instead of following a boring exercise routine."

INCLUDE YOUR BESTIE.

"Grab a friend and schedule an exercise activity the same way you'd plan a social event—it helps the so-called chore of exercise feel fun and exciting."



HAVE YOU HIT AN EXERCISE RUT? NOT TO WORRY! TOP LATINA FITNESS EXPERTS SHARE THEIR BEST TIPS FOR GETTING BACK ON TRACK. BY DIANA KELLY



ARY NUÑEZ

Nuñez, 43, is a New York-born Dominican celebrity trainer to clients such as Rihanna and Alicia Keys.

SHIFT YOUR OUTLOOK.

"If exercise equals punishment, then think of it as moving, which can consist of walking your dog or playing with your kids. It's all about finding something you enjoy."

FIND A ROLE MODEL.

"Sometimes I'll look to my cousin, who is dedicated to her weight loss program. She inspires me when I need

DRESS FOR SUCCESS.

"If I plan to go for a run that day, I'll put on running clothes. Dressing the part helps me act out my planned workout.'

MARTA MONTENEGRO

The Venezuelan-born 39-year-old is a certified fitness trainer who serves as lifestyle consultant at IVFMD South Florida Institute for Reproductive Medicine.

STAY CLOSE TO HOME.

"Where you exercise has to be near your home or office. It needs to be easy if you're going to make it."

GET TECHY.

"Wearing a pedometer works for my clients. People get hooked on the fact that they see the statslike aiming for 10,000 steps daily."

REAP THE REWARDS.

"When setting fitness goals, think of a reward (not food!) you'll give yourself once you achieve your objective. Perhaps it's a new pair of shoes if you lose five pounds in three weeks."

