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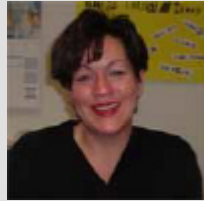
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#### 1. Happy June!



June is here in Virginia and the days are already hot. For many people the end of the school year or graduation is already behind them. We all look forward to enjoying sunshine and more time out doors with friends.

The only problem with being outside more is that it's hot and we tend to wear clothes that show more of our bodies. That means that the start of summer is also a time when young women might be especially susceptible to negative thoughts about themselves.

Over the weekend I picked up a very readable book called **Wasted : A Memoir of Anorexia and Bulimia.** It is an autobiographical account of Marya Hornbacher's struggles with eating disorders from the age of nine years old. This is my recommended beach reading (there is a link to it below).

So fight the media images! Put on your smallest bikini, load this book into your beach bag, and love your body!

If you know of a great read for women, please let me know:  
**lizkentgos at gmail dot com**

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/mneul>

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#### 2. Just in time for Father's Day . . .

. . . comes news of a male contraceptive. Reuters reports that hormonal male contraceptive methods could soon become

widely available. Large-scale trials of male hormone-based contraceptives are being conducted in China and Europe. See the link below for more details.

Link: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12527448/from/ET/>

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### 3. Alerting Girls to Chatroom Dangers

A study by the University of Maryland's A. James Clark School of Engineering found that chat room participants with female usernames received 25 times more threatening and/or sexually explicit private messages than those with male or ambiguous usernames. Researchers were able to determine that bots were not responsible for the threatening messages. They were all sent by humans, and one assumes, males. The story encourages parents to teach girls to use gender-neutral names online in order to avoid unwanted messages. See the link below to read more.

Link: <http://www.physorg.com/news66401288.html>

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### 4. Honor Killings in Turkey Now "Suicides"

Rising suicides among women in the mainly Kurdish southeast of Turkey has prompted the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Yakin Erturk, to visit the region, where rights activists say families are forcing young women into suicide because the government has clamped down on so-called "honor killings". Honor killings of young women by male relatives are a traditional part of many Muslim cultures.

Turkey, which started European Union entry talks last year, has toughened legislation on honor killings, carried out against women seen to have tainted the family's name, for example by having a child outside marriage or merely by being the subject of rumor. but the unexpected result is that "suicide" rates among young women are skyrocketing. Read more at the link below.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/lajxs>

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## 5. June Site of the Month

**Adios Barbie** is a body image site for every body. No matter what your size or background, we hope to inspire you to love your body through thick and thin!

Link: <http://www.adiosbarbie.com/>

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