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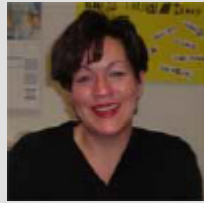
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1. Female President for Argentina



Fifty-four year old Cristina Fernández de Kirchner this month became the first woman democratically elected to the office of President in the history of Argentina. (Isabel Martínez de Perón was President of Argentina from 1974 - 1976, but she was not elected.)

The [New York Times](#) article which is linked below explores reasons behind the recent rise in the number of women elected to high political office in Latin America over recent years. Read more by clicking below.

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Link: <http://tinyurl.com/2hgwxm>

2. Japanese Comic-book Heroine Turns Tables

"A well-educated, chain-smoking, occasionally foul-mouthed comic-book character has become a heroine for millions of Japanese women who are battling for recognition in the country's male-dominated workplace. Through her exploits, women have begun to see how, perhaps, they might overturn decades of gender inequality and chip away at one of Japan's most frequently decried statistics – that, across all industries, only 10 per cent of managers are female." - - Leo Lewis in the Times Online

The character's name is Hiroko Matsukata. She appears in a manga comic titled [Hataraki Man](#), which means "working man" in Japanese. Perhaps her greatest secret power is a psychological "man switch" she turns on when she needs to

excel in the male-controlled business world.

Read more at the link below.

Link:

<http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/markets/japan/article2806731.ece>

3. Germany Cracks Down on Forced Marriages

There are 3.3 million Muslims in Germany, 70 percent of whom are Turkish. Many of these families force female children into early marriages in order to keep the young woman from dating. At this time there is no law against forced marriage in Germany, but Chancellor Angela Merkel has joined a growing movement to criminalize forced marriages as Germany grows less tolerant of practices among Muslim immigrants that clash with the nation's liberal social values.

Read more at the link below.

The link on the article for the rescue organization **Hatun & Can** is wrong. This one linked [here](#) is correct.

Link: http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5hSkkeV-rn2KAosDef_C7EExQawygD8SJ2M7G0

4. November Site of the Month

[The Red Flag Campaign](#) is the first statewide awareness and education campaign designed specifically to address dating violence among students on Virginia's college and university campuses. The program targets college students who are friends/peers of victims and perpetrators of dating violence, it educates friends/peers about "red flags" (warning indicators) of dating violence, and encourages friends/peers to "say something" (i.e. intervene in the situation).

Using posters and miniature red flags in provocative ways on college campuses across the state of Virginia, the **Red Flag Campaign** brings attention to its list of [Signs Your Relationship is Healthy](#) and [Red Flags for Abusive Relationships](#).

The website offers hotlines, links to resources and free posters in the interest of

promoting awareness of violence between unmarried couples on college campuses.

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Link: <http://theredflagcampaign.org/>

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