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sion of a 'wife' is what he wants his spouse to be like. Also, this might have the same effect on women about their husbands--if her husband is a stay-at-home dad, she might expect him to act in the manner of the wife in this essay. Brady tries to bring a perspective to all the things a woman is responsible for and is expected to do in today's society. Also, I think Brady is trying to get women aroused and make them take a stand for themselves. Through her essay, you can see just how the feminist movement backfired, for instead of empowering and encouraging women to stand up for themselves and take charge, it made women look and act like victims. Actually, affirmative action did more to empower women than the feminist movement. Because of affirmative action, Title Nine was passed, which made sure that women in general were given an equal opportunity to play sports and be able to form their own clubs in schools and social settings. Brady's essay empowers its readers to the extent that a woman speaks up and expresses all the things that women are expected to do and men are not just because of their gender.

Whether you agree with Brady's opinion does not matter. Critics consider this essay controversial because of Judy Brady's views of women's roles in society. Gender issues and roles will always be a controversial topic. "I Want a Wife" sounds as though it was written by a man not only because of the title but also because of the way Brady talks about women. If there is one thing you should

take away from Brady's essay, it should be that women can do anything they want to if they put their minds and hearts to it.

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of [her] labor, and [she] wasn't alienated from it." She cleaned her horse because she cared for her, but a person should also care for her home.

Just like a horse, a house is always getting dirty. The horse stands in the pasture eating her life away until someone decides to take her for a ride. A horse will not brush the stray hairs from her coat or scrape away the clumps of mud in her shoes, and unless someone comes along and does these chores for her, she will turn into a large matted and muddy fuzz ball. The same goes for a house. A house will stand up against the rain and wind for a short time, but eventually the harsh weather will chip away at the paint, trees will crash onto the roof and dust and grime will gather on the windows. Like the horse, unless someone cares for the house, it will waste away, and in time nature will envelop it in weeds.

Jane Smiley does not believe in forcing her children to work because she does not want her children to "contribute to the work of maintaining the family." She fears her children will trade in the number of chores they complete for more of their parents' love and attention. She makes a good point here, but her argument is still not strong enough. Like my father, parents should help their children accomplish the assigned tasks. Smiley believes

the parents should be the ones to maintain the house because "it doesn't take much work at all," but if children are helping, the time spent on cleaning will be even less. After the work is finished, playtime can begin for everyone, including parents.

Her passion for horses taught her the importance of hard work, but a certain amount of desire to do what needs to be done can be taught at an early age by teaching children to care for their belongings. Understandably, she thinks hard work should be taught when she has a passion for the work, but there are unpleasant tasks in life that need to be completed. Not everyone has a horse, but most children have a house where they can practice their skills in manual labor. Parents should give chores to their children in hopes of instilling in their young minds an appreciation for a job well done. A child is never going to wake up with the intention that cleaning the tub would be a good idea unless they have been steered in the right direction and experienced a sense of accomplishment at finishing an unpleasant job.

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dainty.

As you probe through your romaine, pushing the cherry tomatoes to the side like a game of croquet, try not to be offended when he starts sending text messages over dinner. Instead, compliment how nimble his thumbs are as you catch glimpses of text message jargon saying things like "im jus chillin wit sum grl." At least take pleasure in the fact that he spent his requisite fifteen cents to

tell his "bro" about you. Regardless of how often you find things to discuss, or how often you hear the pulsating of the vibrating phone, you will come to the conclusion that a date with this particular boy will never repeat itself.

It is almost a relief once you have this epiphany. You don't have to worry if you have a forest of foliage stuck in your teeth after you tilled through your salad, if you are being charismatic and funny enough or if you should linger in the car for a good night kiss. To top the evening off in a ladylike manner, all that is left to do is politely say "thank you" when he says he'll pay for your overpriced salad and Diet Coke. Who knows? If you are feeling extra-confident, you can slip your phone number to the cute waiter you've been eyeing all night.

All in all, having a bad date is a rigorous process of which many ladies are veterans. While they may wish to some day join the upper ranks of being girlfriends, for now, they are accruing points on the field through all of awkward dating experiences. In the words of Pat Benatar, "Love is a Battlefield," and sometimes it's best to root for the underdog.

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repeat *never*--attempt to do anything that requires you to get out of bed or seriously use your brain for more than five minutes. Such activities where using your brain is not okay may include talking on the phone, walking down the hall to use the microwave, taking a shower or thinking about home-

work. The occasional trip to Cookout has been known to occur, so if a trip does happen do not be discouraged. The most important part of step three is that you must *never* attend class on a Nay Day. Attending class would be unethical to the standards upheld by the participants in the group, thus proving why I have never fully participated in a Nay Day. I am far too focused on my education and my future to be so carefree; however, I know from experience that it has been done.

Although I am sure many of you have tried to achieve a successful lazy day in the past, you could not really call it a "Nay Day" without the presence of a Nay and the desire to be completely useless for an entire day. The complete essence of the day is made possible by that one little character who sparks a laziness in you that would not be there otherwise, leading to overdue essays and unfinished projects.