

Humor:

They Say It's Safe

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Last week I received an interesting phone call. It was in response to a letter to the editor I wrote concerning real estate and the use of Glade Plug-ins, Bounce, and Fragrances.

Well, this lady called after going through all the people with my last name in the phone book, and asked if I was the person who wrote the article. I said "yes I am." She let out a sigh of relief that only someone can sigh after they have called EVERYONE in the phone book with my last name!

Well, now that she knew I wrote the article, this opened a conversation in which this lady was very appreciative to see that I would write about health and fragrances and then told me that she hates perfumes. She said "I just want perfume banned." She went on to tell me about a neighbor who always wears strong perfume and how she just hated it and wished that lady wouldn't wear it.

So, we got into a conversation about her own products and she said that she use Fragrance Free Bounce amongst several other products MCSers would NEVER have in their home! Hello! It's the chemicals NOT the fragrance!

Then I played my favorite game... Devils Advocate :-)) I asked her how she would react to me if I was her neighbor and asked her to stop using chemical fertilizers and pesticides on her lawn and garden because they would create a medical emergency for me. She said "Well, that's ridiculous, why on earth would you ask me to do that, it's not like that could make anyone sick. It wouldn't be allowed to be sold if it did!!"

So, after a few minutes of my FAMOUS MCS talk, I can sense that she was indeed as ignorant as I thought she was, and that I would get nowhere with her. She noticed that at this point that I was no longer participating in the conversation and she kindly said goodbye.

Now, I have the patience of a saint, however, I have this "thing" about taking / wasting my time talking to REALLY ignorant 'uneducable" people. It would have been easier for me to nail Jell-O to a tree than to educate this lady about chemicals!

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