

Victorian Touch

Dave and Sherry strived for authenticity when remodeling their historic home

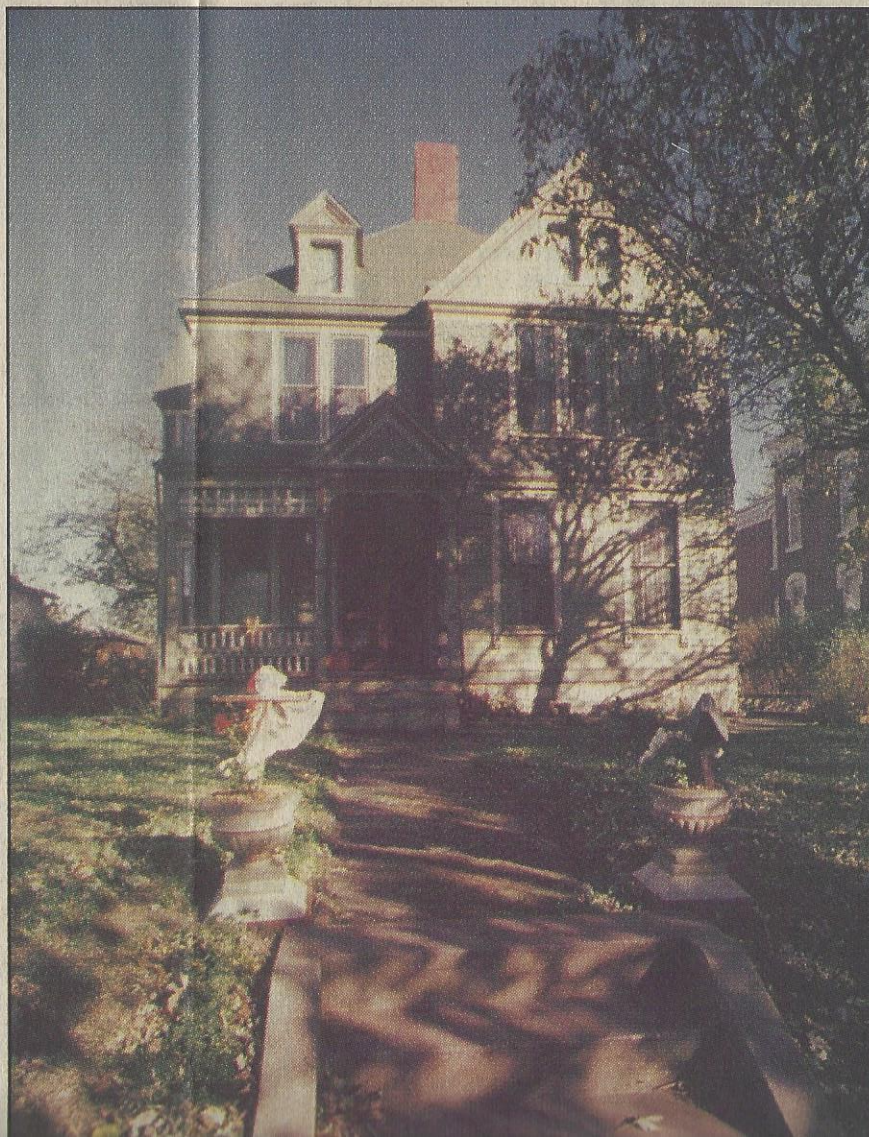
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There's something unusual about the walls in Dave and Sherry Forbes' home at 808 N. Sixth. The covering looks and feels like wallpaper.

But a careful examination reveals the walls are painted. Sherry Forbes is a painter by trade, and she applied her talents in an unusual way in her home.

The Forbeses wanted to keep the home faithful to the Victorian era, which would mean papered walls. But they wanted to paint, because it's less expensive and eas-



Sensible Home

By James Dulley



House plants can help clean the air

Q: We have an efficient airtight house. We use room air cleaners, but they push up our electric bills. Are there really house plants that can remove cancer-causing and other pollutants from the air? — Y.D.

A: Running several room air cleaners helps remove particles from the air, but the fans use a lot of electricity (up to \$50 per year per air cleaner) and the noise can be annoying.

Typical air cleaners are relatively ineffective at removing most of the carcinogenic chemical pollutants common in an airtight efficient house. These chemicals also often cause sneezing, itchy eyes and headaches. The most common unhealthy chemicals include benzene, formaldehyde and trichloro-