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Wizardry at Work

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Workers with O3Wizard spent an afternoon last week sealing windows and doorways at a Port Orange home, preparing the mold-infected ranch-style house for a big blast of ozone.

The residents, Jason Sizemore and his pregnant wife, Brittany, discovered black mold along a baseboard and determined to rid the house of the spores to protect their health and the health of their unborn baby.

Rather than follow the traditional path that calls for removing and replacing mold-damaged wood and drywall, the Sizemores called Kim Stevens of New Smyrna Beach to try the ozone technique.

Stevens, company president, moved to Volusia County from Ocala two years ago and bought the county licensing rights to Complete Ozone Inc.'s ozone-generating machines. A friend holds the rights in Ocala, and Stevens had seen the machines at work.

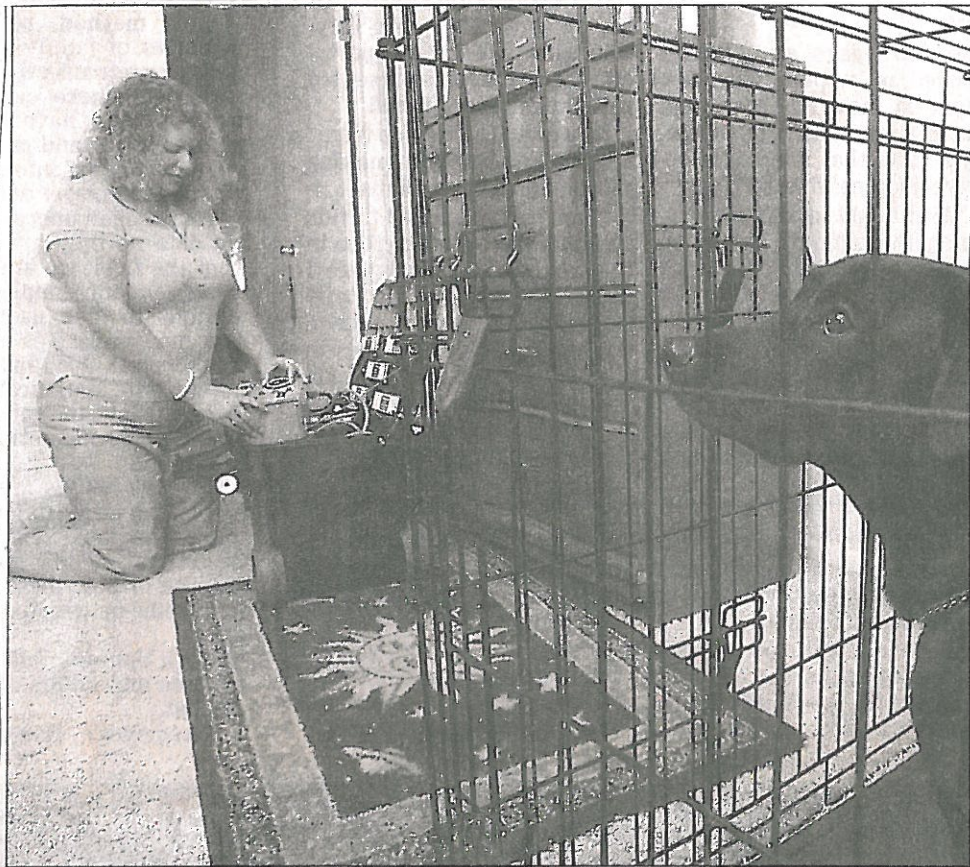
O3Wizard's machines are much more powerful than those available as air purifiers, generating ozone levels that are unsafe for virtually any living organism. But the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says it takes that intense concentration of ozone to truly purify the air and kill mold spores and other living contaminants.

"All the smells are gone out of the house," Sizemore said. "There is a pile of dead fleas. It appears that it worked. But I guess we have to clean up the mold and see whether it comes back."

In addition to the mold and fleas, Sizemore said the cabinets in the house smelled musty before the O3Wizard treatment.

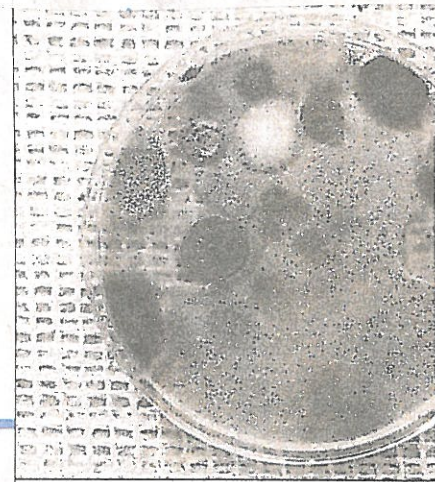
"Now they just smell like wood," he said.

"We remove all the oxygen from the house," Stevens said. "It takes about an hour to set up. We run the machines for a day. And there is a 20-minute tear-down." So, customers can be back in their homes within 24 hours.



Kim Stevens, President of O3Wizard, sets up in a Port Orange home containing mold.

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Mold spores grow in a petri dish in a Port O

system succeeds in blasting bugs, mold