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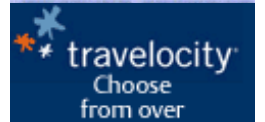
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## Spring has Sprung

Native trees surround Cobb home

**By Mary Windham**

Special to the Record

San Marcos — Jimmy and Sue Cobb's home at 209 E. Mimosa was built 16 years ago. As they began to make plans for building their home, they chose to place the house to save the groves of Oak, Mountain Laurel, and Cedar Elm trees that already existed.

The lovely house stands beautifully amid the native trees, and the fragrant aroma of the Mountain Laurel is intoxicating. As you walk into this yard and see the abundance of birds and butterflies you have the feeling that spring has just turned the corner, at least for today.

The front yard has just recently been reworked. They say that their major objectives were to choose grass and plants that were both drought resistant and tolerant of both shade and sun. Celebration Bermuda grass was chosen for the lawn because it tolerates not only the heat but also the shade.

Planting areas are set off with large boulders. Rocks are placed in the beds to help hold the moisture for the plants. There are plantings of a couple of varieties of muhley, feather grass, fountain grass, red yucca, soft leaf yucca, yaupon - both regular and dwarf, boxwood, rosemary, juniper, variegated ginger, and society garlic.




The Cobbs said that a large Red Oak tree planted to the left of the house, years ago, was a gift from the late Col. Jack Stovall.

### Photos



The front yard at 209 E. Mimosa has recently been redone by owners Sue and Jimmy Cobb. Their objectives were to choose plants that were drought resistant and tolerant of both shade and sun. **None/** (Click for larger image)

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Not visible to the public, their private back yard is a truly beautiful palate of color with many varieties of flowers, birds, and butterflies. It is a place to work, rest, and play, the Cobbs say. After standing and quietly taking in this scene, you can't help but think that love lives here — love for gardening, for nature, and for children.



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