

# STRAIT TALK

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## Strait, Jackson, Buffett CD Available April 3rd

The long awaited CD featuring George Strait, Jimmy Buffett and Alan Jackson recorded at the Dallas Cowboy's Texas Stadium during their sold-out Supershow on May 29th of 2004 has been set for release on April 3rd. The "must see" concert brought all three mega-stars together for their first and only time as the event turned into a party that the parrotheads and cowboys in the Lone Star State will never forget.

The trio has accounted for more than 80 number one singles and more than 120 million albums sold. "The three of us have talked about doing this for some time," admits Strait. "We've had the pleasure of working with each other before and not only do we enjoy each other's music, we have a lot in common."

*The tracks on the CD include:*

### **George Strait**

- Honk If You Honky Tonk
- Murder On Music Row (with Alan Jackson)
- Milkcow Blues
- Cowboys Like Us
- All My Ex's (with Jimmy Buffett)

### **Jimmy Buffett**

- Hey Good Lookin' (with George Strait)
- Sea of Heartbreak (with George Strait)
- Northeast Texas Women
- Boats To Build (with Alan Jackson)



- Margaritaville (with Alan Jackson)

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# 25th Anniversary GSTRC Is Almost Here!!!!

The 25th Anniversary of the George Strait Team Roping Classic is just around the corner and the excitement level is building to a fever pitch. The event has been sold out for weeks and many fans are frustrated over not being able to get a ticket. It is shaping up to be a true classic of an event.

570 teams paid \$600 each to compete for the coveted GSTRC Title in 2006. The Classic was won by Brad Culpepper of Ashburn, Georgia and Speed Williams of Llano, Texas with a cumulative time of 15.82 on three head during the Saturday finals. In addition to earning \$55,794 each in cash, Culpepper and Williams both won 2006 Chevy Silverado crew cab trucks from Cavender Chevrolet in Boerne, TX and matching Strait X-treme three horse slant trailers by Bruton Trailers. In all, a total of \$328,000 in cash and prizes was distributed to contestants.

This year, each team will pay \$800 each to enter the event which should make for a record payout. The Call-In pre-registration will take place between 5 & 10 p.m. on Monday, March 12th and Tuesday, March 13th. The Call-In phone number is 210-698-9251. Each roper may enter up to

three times with a different partner for each entry. The entry fee must be paid in cash only. Ropers may begin paying their registration fees from 5-10 p.m. on Thursday, March 22nd. All ropers must be registered and paid up by 9:45 a.m. on Friday, March 23rd in order to rope.

The exciting red-wrapped steer feature, sponsored by Wayne Wright Lawyers, returns this year, applying more pressure to those attempting to win the title Saturday morning, 10 steers in each round will have the red colored horn wrap. If a team has

the winning time for that round on a red-wrapped steer, they will win an additional \$10,000 in prize money. The prize is progressive and could be worth up to \$30,000 in the final go-round if there are no winners in the final go-round if there are no winners in the first two.

In addition to the added prize money, Browning is creating two custom designed shotguns that will bear the 2007 25th Anniversary logo to be awarded to the champions. 🍀



**Happy Birthday!**  
**George**  
(May 18th)  
**& George, Jr.**  
(May 14th)



# George Strait Pays A Surprise Visit To St. Jude's



While in Memphis for a concert date last weekend, George Strait took time to pay a surprise visit to St. Jude in the late afternoon. St. Jude reports Strait toured the hospital and visited inpatients Daniel, Colby and Robert. He also popped in to spend a moment with St. Jude patient Palmer, thrilling not only the patients but their families. "She's got to be his biggest fan," said Palmer's excited dad.

## George Strait Sellout Tour Continues To Thrill Crowds

Nashville, TN - It seems country music fans just can't get enough of George Strait. The indisputable King of Country is still doing what comes naturally, continuing his concert attendance streak of years past by selling out arenas and shattering venue records across the country at multiple stops along his 2007 tour.

Strait, along with the legendary Ronnie Milsap and 17 year old singer/songwriter phenom Taylor Swift, have already played to packed houses in Lafayette and Shreveport, LA; Hershey, PA; Charlottesville, VA (setting a new house record); Greensboro, NC; Boise, ID; Las Cruces, NM; and Phoenix, AZ. Upcoming concerts nearing sell-out include Hoffman Estates (Chicago); Charleston, SC; Uncasville, CT; Denver and Kansas City. Strait holds more than 20 attendance records at venues from coast to coast.

In its review of the tour opener, the Daily Advertiser of Lafayette said Strait is the "true thing" and noted that Swift and Milsap "delighted a sold out Acadiana crowd." The Shreveport Times reported that "Strait, a

Country Music Hall of Famer, thrilled a sold-out crowd at CenturyTel Center in Bossier City. And he did it in the signature fashion of his 25-year career, standing behind a microphone and singing his favorite songs," adding that "the crowd was gripped from the moment he stepped on stage. At times, the arena looked like one of the honky-tonks where Strait began his music career, with impromptu line dances breaking out."

And the Patriot News in Hershey, PA proclaimed, "When it comes to bang for your buck, few artists deliver like country superstar George Strait, who packed a sold-out show at Hershey's Giant Center with over two dozen of his multitude of hits with few breaks and even less chitchat." With more than 62 million records sold, 53 No. 1 songs (Strait is Billboard's all-time leader for No. 1 country singles), 74 top 10 and 78 top 20 hits, the Texas Troubadour has a gold mine to choose from.

At a recent stop in Memphis at the FedEx forum, Strait was awarded his 32nd platinum album plaque for his latest release, It Just

Comes Natural, prior to the show. He's now earned more platinum certifications than any other artist in country music. This event capped off an emotional day spent visiting kids at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Strait has also recently been featured in exclusive interviews on the covers of USA Weekend and AAttractions (American Airlines' in-flight entertainment magazine) that have generated overwhelming response.

Early on, veteran artist Milsap is already proving a crowd favorite. Drawing from his roster of nearly 40 No. 1 crossover hits, the Grammy-award winning, multiplatinum artist puts on quite a show. According to the Hershey Patriot News, "he riveted the clearly respectful crowd with classic after classic," with the reviewer noting that "his voice has lost none of its ringing depth and his high notes were firmly in place."

Swift, the rookie of the year, has been delighting fans and wowing critics with her stellar performances. 🌟



# Strait-Forward Country

By Jason Bracelin - Las Vegas  
Review-Journal

The cowboy in white took on the man in black, and it was a telling moment: If Johnny Cash was country's id, at least for a time, George Strait is most definitely its conscience, a true believer who defends the mores of traditional honky tonk with Pentecostal zeal.

Tapping out the beat on his guitar in front of a packed house at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, smiling like he was running for office, Strait rendered Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" less an outlaw anthem than a rowdy, high-stepping tutorial in country western swing, digging the menace out of the tune the way a dentist mines a cavity.

This was Strait doing what he does best, making pathos palatable, turning heartache into hit after hit after hit (the man's notched more than 30 No. 1 singles in his three-decade career).

After all, Strait's an unabashed romanticist, his songs revolving mostly around the pleasures of honky tonk women and the thrill of hitting the road and chasing down

the sun like it owed him money.

His vast back catalog is filled with earthy, windswept Americana with dust in its throat. It's the sound of wanderlust, infatuated with wide-open spaces and all the possibility implied in endless stretches of highway.

At the MGM Grand, Strait alternated spare, hard-luck waltzes about women fed up with their restless beaux ("Amarillo," "I Can Still Make Cheyenne," "I Ain't Her Cowboy Anymore") with raucous, fiddle-driven odes to the open range and drinking one's woes away ("Unwound," "Cowboys Like Us").

But despite his traditionalist bent, Strait is also the forefather of the slick nouveau country that has dominated the airwaves since the early '90s. He's the bridge between the rugged, thick-skinned twang of the '70s and the huge-sounding, hyper-produced country pop of today.

And true to form, on this night, Strait shared the stage with both a fellow country veteran (the venerable Ronnie Milsap, the genre's pre-eminent piano man and one of

its most sublime balladeers) and a freshly-scrubbed 17-year-old, Taylor Swift, who was equal parts sass and precociousness ("At this time last year, was sitting at a desk in high school," she beamed).

Buttressed by a eight-piece band (plus two backup singers), Strait and Co. rendered Bob Wills' country western classic "Take Me Back To Tulsa," a sweaty, boisterous hoedown with some white-knuckle piano playing and moaning pedal steel.

Likewise, the band turned Strait's "Milk Cow Blues" into a sock-'em-in-the-jaw jam session peppered with dueling guitars and high-strung fiddle.

It was a love letter to country's free-wheeling past, which Strait both celebrates and, paradoxically, waves farewell to in his rearview mirror.

"It's time to say goodbye to yesterday," Strait sang during the show-ending "Cowboy Rides Away," bidding adieu to a bygone era that never will completely fade away as long as this cowboy continues to ride the range. 🌵

## Strait Cowboys Up At The Pan American Center

By Diana M. Alba Sun-News Reporter  
Las Cruces Sun-News

Country music star George Strait took the stage at the Pan American Center on Thursday night, delighting a sold-out crowd of 12,936 roaring fans.

Strait, decked in his characteristic Wrangler jeans and Resistol hat, launched his act with some older hits, including "Amarillo by Morning," "The Chair" and "The Fireman." The 53-year-old singer walked a path around the diamond-shaped stage, playing two songs for audience members on one side before moving to a different side.

Strait's performance often drew standing applause and the occasional shout of "I love you" from the audience. He often gave a nod to fans and frequently gave credit to members of his Ace in the Hole band. That unassuming manner, characteristic of the star, fit Strait's no-frills performance and seemed to appeal to attendees.

It was his Texas charm that most captivated El Pasoan Terry Rodriguez, who attended with her daughter.

"He's such an awesome performer," she said. "He's just so humble."

Rodriguez said she enjoyed the entire per-

formance.

"I just love his music - period," she said. Added Rodriguez's daughter, Evelyn Rodriguez, 24: "He just steals your heart."

About one hour into his act, Strait sang "Texas," an ode to his native state's roots. The melody struck a chord with audience members, many of whom were from El Paso. Plenty of New Mexicans, including Gov. Bill Richardson, were in the crowd, as well.

Fifteen-year-old Michelle Pittman made the trip from Albuquerque with her family to see Strait's show.

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# Strait Is 'True Thing'

Trevis R. Badeaux, *The Daily Advertiser*  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Anyone with good ears who attended the George Strait concert at the Cajundome on Thursday is probably having some hearing trouble today.

Not because the legendary country crooner rocked the house with a wall of amplifiers. All Strait had to do was walk out on stage in trademark Resistol, tight blue jeans and cowboy boots and the crowd erupted in a deafening cacophony of whistles, cheers and applause.

It's not what you think. This man is a living legend in the music industry with 71 million records sold, 53 No. 1 hits and 26 No. 1 albums later. Despite his almost mythical status, Strait continues to wow sold-out crowds and produce platinum selling records 30 years after his humble debut.

The show sold out in 15 minutes. Additional seats were opened up and sold out even quicker, despite ticket prices starting at \$50, according to Cajundome administrators.

Pappy Thibodeaux, 58, of Conkton said, "George Strait is my favorite. He is old country." Thibodeaux was out to hear his favorite song, "The Chair." The last time Thibodeaux saw Strait perform live was at The Cajundome in the last 1980s, when Lorrie Morgan opened for him.

The day tickets for the concert went on sale at 10 a.m. Thibodeaux said he logged in at 10 a.m. on the dot.

"I was lucky to get two seats together,"

Thibodeaux said.

Rhonda Adcox, 52, of Sandyhook, Miss., was out to see Strait because he is "pure, traditional country, twin fiddles and steel guitar. He is the true thing."

She is George Strait Fan Club member No. 276.

"I got in in the '80s, before he made it big," Adcox said.

She drove three hours to attend this show. Asking her what would make the trip worth it, she said, "The jeans. They fit,

they're starched and they're Wranglers."

Merella Leger, 53, met Ronnie Milsap, who is touring with Strait, two years ago when Milsap played Blackham Coliseum.

"He took time to talk to us. He sat around, signed autographs and talked to us like we were friends, not fans. It was awesome," Leger said.

That's the reason Leger said she decided to get tickets for Thursday's show.

Milsap took the stage at 9:25 p.m. in a one-hour set before Strait. 🌟

## Strait Cowboys at Pan Am

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"It was amazing," she said. "It was all good. No one single point stood out."

Large screens with live video gave attendees a clear view of Strait for most of the act. Fans took plenty of photos of the artist using cell-phone cameras.

Strait mixed older hits with songs from his most recent album release, "It Just Comes Natural." He also changed up the tempo, playing upbeat, honky-tonk tunes along with slower melodies.

"Just Give It Away," a lively tune from Strait new album prompted plenty of audience members to join in singing.

Strait and his band tried to leave the stage after about 90 minutes, but thundering applause brought them back for an encore. Strait sang some and walked the stage, shaking hands with fans. He wrapped up

the show with "The Cowboy Rides Away."

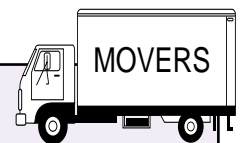
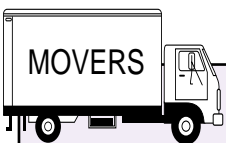
Fans gave a thunderous farewell to the artist, who has recorded 53 No. 1 songs on the country charts.

Before Strait, Ronnie Milsap, 64, a well-known star from the 60s, 70s and 80s, and Taylor Swift, a 17-year-old newcomer to the country music's billboards, put in lively performances of their own.

The event was the first concert held in the Pan American Center since it reopened in December after two years of renovation. A performance by Strait two years ago was one of the last concerts held at the venue before it closed.

Bobbie Welch, coordinator for the Pan American Center, said there were no hitches Thursday.

"It was incredibly smooth," she said. "The audience had a great time, too." 🌟



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	3300	EMBROIDERED CAMO CAP ("Go Camo" in our Advantage MAX-1 HD Camouflage Cap with a full visor and adjustable headband, custom embroidered with G.S. initials on front, and "George Strait" across the back) ..... NEW	\$16.95	
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	3320	EMBROIDERED KHAKI CAP (Khaki color cap, 6 panel, 100% cotton brushed twill with black and white trim on bill, matching G.S. initials embroidered on front and "George Strait" embroidered on back with tuck strap buckle enclosure) ..... NEW	\$16.95	
	3330	OLIVE WASH FRAYED LETTERING CAP (Rugged olive washed cap trimmed in khaki, custom embroidered frayed "George Strait" logo in khaki, velcro fabric back strap, ONE SIZE FITS MOST) ..... NEW	\$16.95	
	3340	EMBROIDERED CAMOUFLAGE/BROWN CAP ("Go Camo" in our AP grey camouflage cap, custom embroidered with "George Strait" across front in brown, small State of Texas patch on back, self fabric back strap with slide buckle, ONE SIZE FITS MOST) ..... NEW	\$16.95	
	3350	LADIES PINK AND CAMO CAP (Ladies "Go Camo" in our Realtree Max-1 HD camouflage and pink cap custom embroidered with G.S. initials on front in pink over a vintage frayed camo patch with a small "George Strait" embroidered patch on back, self fabric back strap with slide buckle) ..... NEW	\$19.95	
	3360	LADIES RED RHINESTONE CAP (Ladies red cap embellished with plenty of rhinestone BLING, beautifully feminine custom "George Strait" embroidery on front, self fabric back strap with slide buckle, ONE SIZE FITS MOST) ..... NEW	\$16.95	
	3500	LADIES ANTIQUE PINK TANK TOP (With a soft feel and attractive styling our "How 'Bout Them Cowgirls" Tank will stand out when worn by itself or under a sweater or shirt, made of a comfortable 90% rib-knit cotton, preshrunk) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
	3510	LADIES VINTAGE FOOTBALL JERSEY (A fun retro look, all the softness of 100% ring spun combed cotton jersey knit, grey crossover v-neck, 3/4 length sleeves with navy double needle stitched stripes, "How 'Bout Them Cowgirls" G.S. design on front) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$24.50	
	3515	LADIES ARMY LONG SLEEVE TEE (Army colored, contoured feminine body with a snug baby rib fit and a generous long sleeve length, preshrunk super soft 100% combed cotton with G.S. 2007 "It Just Comes Natural" army style design, USA made) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
	3520	LADIES SADDLE BROWN LONG SLEEVE TEE (Saddle brown ladies long sleeve tee styled in a flattering slim fit with the silky smoothness of 100% ring spun combed cotton, beautiful vintage paisley G.S. "a heart like mine" design) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
	3525	LADIES LIME LONG SLEEVE TEE (Light lime color boat neck long sleeve tee, slightly shaped to flatter a woman's figure, made of 100% ring spun combed cotton for silky softness that lasts, G.S. initials CowGirl design, fitted) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
	3530	LADIES PETAL PINK RINGER TEE (Petal pink ringer tee with contrasting red ribbing at the collar and sleeves. Vintage "How About This Cowgirl" G.S. design in red and white, preshrunk 100% ring spun cotton, fitted) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
	3535	LADIES DEEP RASPBERRY CREW NECK TEE (Deep raspberry capped sleeve tee with contoured fit and super soft 100% cotton baby rib knit fabric, G.S. faux embroidery stitched glitter pink design) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$16.95	
	3540	LADIES SEEDLING GREEN HEATHER TEE (Seedling green heather tee, feels silky soft and wears remarkably well, contrasting darker green overlocked thread on neckline, armholes, and shirt tail, vintage "My Heart is the Property of George Strait" design) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
	3545	LADIES BUTTER YELLOW CREW NECK TEE (Butter yellow short sleeve crew neck tee super soft 100% cotton baby rib fabric, feels comfortable from the start, G.S. "Natural Cowgirl" design on front) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
	3550	LADIES LIGHT DRIFTWOOD TEE (Light driftwood color, super soft 100% cotton light weight tee, ideal for summer days or for layering when the temperature cools, styled in a flattering slim fit, G.S. CowGirl western design on front) ..... Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$16.95	



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☆☆☆	3555	LADIES DARK SLATE GREY SILHOUETTE TEE (Dark slate gray close fitting tee with feminine styling, preshrunk 100% ring-spun cotton, large G.S. silhouette design on front with G.S. autograph in white at hip) .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
☆☆☆	3560	LADIES CAMOUFLAGE TEE (Camouflage ringer tee with contoured fit and soft 100% cotton baby rib knit fabric, styled in a flattering slim fit, G.S. 2007 "It Just Comes Natural" army style design on front chest) .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
☆☆☆	3565	LADIES RED AND WHITE TEE (Ladies white shirt with red yoke and capped sleeves, 100% super soft combed cotton, styled in a flattering slim fit with a split hem for added comfort, "Cowgirls gone WILD for Strait" logo on front chest. Stop a cowboy dead in his tracks wearing this one!) .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
☆☆☆	3570	LADIES CHOCOLATE/SKY BLUE RINGER TEE (Ladies chocolate color ringer tee with contrasting sky blue ribbing at the neck and sleeves, knit from high quality 100% combed cotton yarns, G.S. CowGirl western style design on front in matching sky blue and white) .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
☆☆☆	3575	LADIES SADDLE BROWN SONG TITLE TEE (Ladies saddle brown tee made from a comfortable 100% cotton jersey and garment-washed for extra softness, imprinted with all the song titles from George's CD "It Just Comes Natural" and the G.S. signature logo, fitted) .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
☆☆☆	4100	GOLDENROD PHOTO T-SHIRT (Goldenrod color 100% cotton short sleeve t-shirt, pigment dyed to feel colorfast from the start, contrasting dark brown ribbing at the collar and sleeves, vintage G.S. "It Just Comes Natural" design on front chest with three excellent photos, sized for men) .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
☆☆☆	4110	BLACK OVAL DESIGN T-SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt, G.S. "It Just Comes Natural" oval design in white distressed lettering on front chest, sized for men) .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
☆☆☆	4120	BLACK PHOTO TOUR T-SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt, three great looking concert photos of G.S. with autograph and "It Just Comes Natural" logo on front, sized for men) .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$15.95	
☆☆☆	4130	BLACK ON STAGE T-SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt, distressed .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
☆☆☆	4140	G.S. onstage live design on front chest in white, sizing for men) .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$14.95	
☆☆☆	4155	TEXAS ORANGE FACT T-SHIRT (Texas orange 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt, front of shirt has a photo of G.S. with the beginning facts of his career, G.S. logo on back with more interesting facts leading up to his induction into The Country Music Hall of Fame - 21 Facts in All) .....Check Size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$17.95	
☆☆☆	4160	CHARCOAL GRAY LONG SLEEVE THERMAL (Charcoal gray 100% cotton heavyweight long sleeve thermal pigment dyed for a vintage look and added softness, large applique on front chest made of reversed out fleece and embroidery to form "GEORGE STRAIT") .....Check Size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$39.95	
☆☆☆	4165	BLACK LONG SLEEVE SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton long sleeve shirt, SHARP G.S. logo on left front chest, silhouette of G.S. leaning on guitar on back, screen printed with a soft hand process, sized for men) .....Check Size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$19.95	
☆☆☆	5205	NAVY BLUE LONG SLEEVE SHIRT (Navy blue 100% preshrunk cotton long sleeve shirt .....Check Size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
☆☆☆	5225	WITH SHARP Texas license plate G.S. silhouette "It Just Comes Natural" design on front chest, .....Check Size: XXL NEW	\$19.95	
☆☆☆	6512	sizing for men) .....Check Size: XXXL NEW	\$22.95	
☆☆☆	7045	BABY BIB (White Bib with "I Love George Strait" in Blue and Red - CUTE!) .....Check Size: XXXL NEW	\$6.95	
☆☆☆	8900	BABY SHIRT (100% Cotton, White Shirt, precious "Little George Strait Fan" design for your littlest G.S. fan) .....Check size: 12 month 24 month	\$9.95	
☆☆☆	8910	FROST BLUE NIGHTSHIRT (Frost blue ladies short sleeve scoop neck nightshirt, 100% preshrunk cotton feels comfortable from the start, 35" long, ONE SIZE FITS ALL, "Every Cowgirl's Dream" G.S. silhouette design on front) .....NEW	\$19.95	
☆☆☆	9500	TAPESTRY AFGHAN (3 ply, 54"x72" 100% cotton custom tapestry weave afghan - 40 colors are woven into lifelike photo of G.S. from LP "Honkytonville" with G.S. logo at bottom - BEAUTIFUL! Crafted with pride in USA) .....Check Size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$59.95	
☆☆☆	9500	LIGHT BLUE VINTAGE WASHED FLEECE HOODIE (Light blue vintage washed heavyweight 80% cotton/20% polyester fleece UNISEX hoodie, pigment dyed and vintage washed, extra softener added for super softness, applied "STRAIT" down left front chest) .....Check Size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$54.95	
☆☆☆	9500	VINTAGE IVY V-NOTCH LADIES HOODIE (Vintage ivy green pigment dyed ladies 80% cotton/20% polyester heavyweight fleece v-neck hoodie, super soft and cozy, camouflage G.S. applique embroidered on front center chest) .....Check Size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$49.95	
☆☆☆	9500	EMBROIDERED BLACK GEAR NYLON JACKET (Black full-zip nylon jacket with some burgundy contrasting trim, water resistant nylon shell with fleece lining, full zip front with storm flap, deep front flap pockets with snap closure, elastic cuffs and waistband, custom "George Strait" star logo embroidered in khaki, burgundy, navy and white on left front chest, HUGE beautiful full back logo, G.S. signature logo embroidered on one sleeve with matching stars on the other) .....Check Size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$85.00	
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	907	#7	\$14	(Available in CD Only)
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	910	GREATEST HITS #2	\$14	(Available in CD Only)
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# Anita's Notes

Happy Silver Anniversary! We are 25 years old. If you have one of the very first issues of Strait Talk, you will see how much we have grown. It has been really enjoyable. To all the GSFC members that have contributed to Strait Talk over the years, we Thank You!

The 2007 George Strait tour, nicknamed by the press as the "Sold Out" tour, has been an exciting and rewarding tour so far with almost every show a complete sellout. There have been a few surprises along the way as well. While George was in Memphis, Tennessee in mid-January, he made a visit to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and spent some quality time with a number of the patients there. We're not sure it was more rewarding to the patients or George as both had a great time.

George latest CD, "It Just Comes Natural," has now been certified platinum. George was presented with a plaque signifying the sales of more than 1 Million copies. George has now received 34 Platinum CD's, the most of any country artist in History.

Speaking of Silver Anniversaries, the 25th Anniversary of the George Strait Team Roping Classic has sold out all of its tickets faster than any other year. It just keeps growing and growing. The event, which finds the greatest Team Ropers in the world competing against each other for hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and prizes each year, will take place on March 23rd and 24th at the San Antonio Rose Palace in San Antonio, Texas. To all the fans that are coming to the event... get ready for a lot of fun. Dress comfortable, bring your camera and look forward to watching world class team ropers for two days. Out of the 25 years, we have been fortunate enough to

attend most of them and look forward to renewing friendships and making new ones. It is so much fun. George, Norma and the whole family have worked very hard over the years to present a top notch team roping event. We will have all the details & photos in the next issue of Strait Talk. If you can't wait until then, you will be able to find out all about the winners on the websites at [www.georgestrait.com](http://www.georgestrait.com) and [www.gstrc.com](http://www.gstrc.com). Good luck to George and Bubba Strait in the quest for the elusive championship. If you didn't get a ticket for this year, start making your plans for next year now.

If you get an opportunity to travel to any of George's show, check out the new merchandise before or after the show. There are many beautiful and different items this year. If for some reason you don't pick something up at the show, you can find most of it featured with color photos in the General Store on the George Strait website at [www.georgestrait.com](http://www.georgestrait.com). We have something for everyone in the household. If you are using our toll free number at 1-800-338-4732 to order by phone, please have your numbers and sizes ready. Please remember that the toll free number desk only takes orders. They cannot check a previous order and have no information on merchandise, tour dates or anything having to do with the fan club. All they are capable of doing is taking the order numbers that you give them. If you have questions concerning your orders, an address or email change, please go to customer service on our website and send us an email, or call us at 615-824-7176 with any questions. Please remember that our office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. central time.

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Have you submitted an item to the Fan Collectable Column or for any other part of the newsletter? Our March, April, May winner is Alexis Gaffney of Gales Creek, OR. Enjoy your winning prizes. Other fans can also win just like Alexis by submitting reviews, photos, magazine and newspaper stories and other collectable items for publication in the newsletter. We will put your name in for the drawing in the next issue. Good Luck!

Thank you for a great beginning of 2007! After 25 years it is still a lot of fun and it has been a pleasure to meet and speak with so many George Strait fans.

In closing, please continue to keep our servicemen and women and their families in your prayers. Till we meet again, enjoy each other and your surroundings and don't forget to play a little Strait music.

## **Congratulations to Alexis Gaffney of Gales Creek, Oregon!!!!**

**She is our March, April, May Winner! You can win just like Alexis by submitting reviews, photos, magazine & newspaper stories and other collectable items for publication in the newsletter.**



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