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## George Strait Shoots New Video

George Strait is back in the video business. Strait has just returned from near Cancun, Mexico where, during a brief break from his concert tour, he filmed a new music video for his latest single "Seashores of Old Mexico." The song,

written by Merle Haggard, has always been one of Strait's favorites. He performed it live during his concerts for the last several years before finally recording it for the "Somewhere Down In Texas" CD.

The video production was handled by

Picture Vision Pictures of Nashville and directed by Trey Fanjoy. Post production work on the video is expected to be completed near the end of the month and the video should be available for television in early to mid-March. 🌱

## Another Multi-Platinum CD by George Strait

A group of MCA staff members from Nashville took the time to pay a surprise visit to George Strait at his sold-out appearance in the MGM Grand Hotel Grand Garden arena in Las Vegas over the Super Bowl weekend. The group, including marketing experts Ben Kline and Pam Russell along with Royce Risser, Louie Newman and Joe Putnam of the MCA Promotion staff, were on hand to present Strait with a plaque signifying the sales of six (6) million copies of his 50 #1 Hits CD. The CD, released early spring of last year, included his 50 previous #1 records and a new track that soon became the 51st #1 song of his long and illustrious career. Strait has since garnered his 52 #1 single as "She Let Herself Go" attained the spot at the top of the charts in early January.



L-R: Pam Russell, Ben Kline, George Strait, Royce Risser, Louie Newman and Joe Putnam

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# George Strait Breaks His Own Record!

George Strait's 2006 Arena tour, has met with unparalleled success in the mere 2 weeks since its kick off on January 12th in Des Moines, IA. After playing only 1 week Strait did what few artists have done by selling out the next three shows.

The sellouts began on January 19th in Omaha at the Qwest Center in front of an audience of 15,200. The next sellout came on the 20th in Oklahoma City at the Ford Center with 18,500 in attendance. Strait's next was in Little Rock, AR on the 21st where he hosted Alltel Arena's largest crowd in the history of the venue. Strait, along with opening acts Miranda Lambert and Tracy Lawrence, played to a sellout crowd of 17,559 people beating the arena's previous attendance record of 17,229 people, set by Strait on February 25, 2004.

"This was a great week to be George Strait," says tour promoter Ben Farrell. "To

be welcomed by a sold out arena three shows in a row isn't a bad way to start a tour."

The tour will hit 28 cities in the U.S. and

Canada culminating in June. Once again Strait will employ the center stage configuration allowing him to face all sides of the crowd. 🌱



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## Strait Does Country - Cool

By Ross Rahala - Pioneer Press Pop Music Critic

George Strait proved why he's one of the most consistent country stars in the business Friday night at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. The 53-year-old Texan turned in a classy, compelling and gimmick-free performance that kept the focus on his supple voice and smart songs.

Expertly backed by the 11-piece Ace in the Hole Band, Strait made few concessions to modern concert spectacle, beyond his large stage planted in the center of the arena, with floor seats surrounding it on all sides.

The four microphones stationed on each side of the stage - and four large video screens perched above - allowed Strait to give each section of the crowd ample face time. It gave the evening an intimate feel-

ing - as intimate as it can get in front of 15,698 fans, that is.

Kicking things off with the boot-scooting "Honk If You Honky Tonk," Strait neatly surveyed his entire 25-year career, from the first song on his first album ("Unwound") to "She Let Herself Go," which just hit No. 1 on the charts.

While his upbeat numbers like "Take Me Back To Tulsa" were fun, Strait really took flight on the ballads that showcased his voice, which is impressive for any genre. Early in the show, he turned in a particularly majestic take on "Run" followed by the unapologetically romantic "I Just Want to Dance with You."

Strait displayed a whiff of rebellion by playing "Murder on Music Row," his infamous 1999 single that blasted Nashville for

going Hollywood. "Someone killed country music, cut out its heart and soul." But he followed it up with the title cut from his latest disc "Somewhere Down in Texas," a song as lush and likable as anything in his estimable catalog.

Strait's well chosen openers pleased the crowd and fit in with the overall keep-it-simple aesthetic. Dewy-eyed newcomer Miranda Lambert turned in a fiery, fun set focused on her gold-selling debut "Kerosene," while '90s star Tracy Lawrence trotted out his rousing hits.

Each made full use of the stage and screens, too, something nervous, aging headliners don't always allow, lest an energetic upstart steal the show. But that's not the way Strait plays it, not that anyone could upstage this guy anyway. 🌱

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# Strait Always A Voice Of Velvet

By Kyle Munson, *Des Moines Register Music Critic*

They showered the seasoned Texas cowboy with applause from the start, but they truly stood and cheered when he unleashed the "Heartland" anthem a dozen songs into his set.

"When you hear twin fiddles and a steel guitar, you're listening to the sound of the American heart," their hero sang, clad in his signature creased Wrangler jeans.

And "King of Country" George Strait kicked off his 2006 arena tour Thursday night at Wells Fargo Arena. It was also the first concert of the year for Des Moines' new arena.

When Strait throws a party, he draws not only a reliable crowd (12,106 on Thursday) but the broadest possible age range. Multi-generational family groups seemed to be the norm. Big & Rich rebels, women who swoon over Keith Urban, Merle Haggard traditionalists, Kenny Chesney beach-combers, even a few of the Willie Nelson

hippies - all seem to respect Strait's easygoing ballads and old-school Western swing.

Call him country's Paul McCartney. Maybe country's Sinatra, considering that he's more the crooner type, with twang.

It was hard to hear a chink in the armor of Strait and his 11-piece Ace in the Hole Band on Thursday - maybe the harmonies in "Desperately." Strait sailed through his hits and reaffirmed that it takes a true pro to sound effortless without slipping into sappiness or rote delivery.

There was Gene Elders' heartbreaking fiddle in "Amarillo By Morning." Wicked solos were tossed around during "Milk Cow Blues." Strait introduced "Does Forth Worth Ever Cross Your Mind" as one of his "golden oldies" - but then most of them were golden oldies, really.

From "Amarillo By Morning" to "She Let Herself Go," there weren't surprises in Strait's set Thursday. But he's long since made plain that that isn't his agenda. No, his trademark is consistency. Nuance. He

must be the subtlest arena star on the planet - no flash, just a faithful band and velvet voice.

As with his recent tours, Strait performed on a stage in the center of the arena floor. A microphone stood on each of its four sides, and Strait simply strolled from one to the next between songs.

In its entirety the night offered a country artist for each decade: Strait, who came of age in the '80s; Arkansas native Tracy Lawrence's 1990s hits; and fellow Texan Miranda Lambert's 21st-century, rocked-up twang that she introduced to the nation with help from the reality-TV show "Nashville Star."

The first musician to take the stage, Lambert quickly caused a stir with a short but feisty 30-minute set. Sometimes she sounded like a countrified Sheryl Crow, but it was a cover of Steve Earle's "Hillbilly Highway" that provided her with a show-stopper, followed by her signature hit, "Kerosene," to end her set. 🍀

## Country Star Gives It To Them Strait

Friday night, without pyrotechnics, dancers or fancy gimmicks, George Strait kept a sold-out Ford Center crowd happily entertained and wanting more.

The low-key country superstar strolled around his in-the-round stage singing hit after hit, his crooked grin serving as the cue to double the volume of the already loud crowd.

Accompanied by his Ace in the Hole Band, he kicked off his set with "Honk if You Honky Tonk," the sweet "Check Yes or No," and an early hit, "Amarillo By Morning."

With more than 30 albums and 400 songs to choose from, the Texan provided a good mix of old and new hits, plus two Western Swing songs showing Strait hasn't lost anything over the years.

The decibel level of the audience did credit to a rock show, and Strait kept pointing to the audience, occasionally waving as he traveled around the stage.

Hits continued. He played a lushly orchestrated "Run," the rhythmic "I Just Want to Dance With You," plus "Stars on the Water," "Blue Clear Sky," "I Can Still Make Cheyenne," "Heartland," "Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind?" and "She'll Leave You With a Smile."

His band cranked up the double fiddles and steel guitar to do a pair of swing classics, "Take Me Back to Tulsa" and "Milk Cow Blues," which featured a bluesy Strait and extended solos by band members.

The show wrapped up with "Seashores of Old Mexico," "She Let Herself Go," "Texas," and "I Hate Everything."

Strait's high energy encore fittingly ended with "The Cowboy Rides Away."

Newcomer Miranda Lambert opened the evening with songs from her album such as "What About Georgia," "Bring Me Down" and "Kerosene."

Tracy Lawrence's smooth vocals were used well in his set peppered with his hits, "Better Man, Better Off," "If The World Had a Front Porch," "Alibis," "Used to the Pain," "If I Don't Make it Back," "Time Marches On," and "Paint Me a Birmingham."

This show was what a country concert should be - a great variety of songs that leave you ready to dance the rest of the night away. We need more of these. 🍀

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# George Strait Team Roping Classic Announces Pre-Registration Days and Times

*George Strait Team Roping Classic to Take Place on March 10th and 11th at the San Antonio Rose Palace in Texas*

Pre-registration for teams wishing to compete in the 24th Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic on March 10 and 11 will take place on Monday, Feb. 27 and Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. CST. Teams may register by calling 210-698-9251. The cost per team is \$600. Entry fees must be paid, in cash only, by 9:45 a.m. on Friday, March 10 at the San Antonio Rose Palace located at 25665 Boerne Stage Road in San Antonio, TX. Each contestant may compete on a maximum of three teams. All horses must be stalled in San Antonio Rose Palace stalls. No portable stalls will be allowed. PRCA dress codes will be in effect.

Tickets for the GSTRC Saturday, March 11 finals are available for only \$16 including shipping and handling. They can be purchased online at [www.gstrc.com](http://www.gstrc.com), or charge-by-phone by calling 210-698-0791 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5

p.m. CT. Event-goers are strongly urged to order their tickets early as both days of the roping usually sell out. The single day tickets are non-refundable and may not be exchanged for another day.

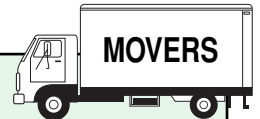
Hosted by Country Superstar and avid team roper, George Strait, the GSTRC is among the largest and most prestigious open ropings in the circuit and annually plays host to the most accomplished names in the sport. Past money winners of "The Strait" include, among others, Jake Barnes, Steve Northcutt, Allen Bach, Matt Tyler, Steve Northcutt, Tyler Magnus, Turtle Powell, Kirt Jones and the team of Rich Skelton and Speed Williams who broke the GSTRC record with a lightning fast round of 3.69 seconds last year.

At the George Strait Team Roping Classic, the opening day's fastest 50 teams on two head are invited to return the next morning for the three-header non-progressive finals.

Prizes include two Chevy Silverado Trucks provided by Cavender Chevrolet of Boerne, Texas and two Strait X-treme 3-horse trailers by Bruton, huge cash prizes, Twister saddles and Gist buckles.

In addition to these great prizes, The GSTRC is proud to welcome back H.E.B. Food Stores and their "Red Wrapped Challenge" - a thrilling \$15,000 per round progressive contest that takes place during the finals. Ropers win the challenge if they have the best time of the round on one of the steers with red wrapping around their horns. Up to \$60,000 could be available if there are no winners in the first two rounds.

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# Fan Collectable Column

- Country Weekly - Nashville, TN. January 2, 2006 issue. Front cover, pg. 6 photo of George, pp. 30-32 Readers Poll, p. 68 Charts for Singles and Albums.
- Spin to Win - January 2006 issue. Mentioned on page 5 and 101. Mentioned with photo p. 103.
- Country Weekly - Nashville, TN. January 30, 2006 issue. Front cover - full picture, p. 4 cover story, p. 13 ad, p. 14 mentioned, pp. 28, 29, 30 story "Why George Is Still On Top," full page photo, several small photos, p. 33 drinking songs, p. 60 mentioned, p. 68 charts and p. 71 Crossword Puzzle.
- Arkansas Weekend - January 20, 2006. Little Rock, AR. Pp. 8W-9W story with photo.
- St. Paul Pioneer Press - St. Paul, MN. 1/12/06. Weekend Life section. Front cover, pp. 8G-9G story with photo.
- Mpls. Star Tribune - Mpls., MN. 1/13/06. Section A. Front cover, p. F5 story, p. F6 concert info.
- Star Tribune - Mpls., MN. 1/8/06. Arts section p. F10 picture of George with short story.
- The Des Moines Register - Des Moines, Iowa. 1/16/06. Photos w/captions.
- The Des Moines Register - Des Moines, Iowa. 1/12/06. Photo w/info on upcoming concert.
- Mpls. Star Tribune - Minneapolis, MN. 1/15/06. USA Weekend Section p. 2 mentioned in story.
- Country Weekly - Nashville, TN 1/16/06. Front cover photo, p. 6 photo, p. 25 photo with 50 #1 Hits 3 Million Platinum LP, p. 28 mentioned, p. 48 mentioned, p. 68 charts, p. 71 word search.
- Grand Forks Herald - Grand Forks, ND - January 13, 2006. Section C page 1 photo with short story.
- The Blade - Toledo, OH. 1/18/06. Photo with story p. 1 section D.
- San Antonio Express-News - San Antonio, TX. P. 13H, p. 15H story "Make That 52" #1 Hits, "She Let Herself Go."
- Star Tribune - Minneapolis, MN. 1/6/06. P. F5 mentioned in story.
- Star Tribune - Minneapolis, MN. 1/6/06. P. F18 The Scene Section mentioned.
- The Wichita Eagle - Wichita, KS. 1/29/06. P. 3E Top Country Singles #3 "She Let Herself Go."
- What's On Magazine - Las Vegas, NV. 1/31/06-2/13/06. P. 86 Showguide for L.V. shows - photo with short story.
- Star Tribune - Minneapolis, MN. 2/5/06. Arts & Entertainment Section p. F7 George Strait mentioned in article.
- American Horse Magazine - Jan/Feb 2006. Back page of magazine - Wrangler ad full color page.
- Country Weekly - Nashville, TN 2/13/06. Front cover photo, pp. 6 & 8 photos, pp. 21-22 lists, p. 38 Greatest Romances, p. 40 Beautiful Music, p. 52 photo, p. 68 charts.

*The following George Strait Fan Club Members submitted to the Collectable Column...*

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☆☆☆	4865	LADIES GLITTER SHIELD TEE (Black ladies tee with G.S. "Somewhere Down in Texas" design over an embossed glitter shield, Made in USA of 100% cotton. Very, very classy) .....Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___ NEW	\$19.95	
☆☆☆	4875	LADIES "HIGH TONE WOMAN" TEE (Pale lemon t-shirt with butter yellow neck and sleeve trim, G.S. name in "High Tone Woman" design, 100% cotton) .....Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___ NEW	\$19.95	

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☆☆☆	4880	LADIES SILHOUETTE FOIL TEE (Ladies black fashion tee with G.S. silhouette over brushed silver metallic foil background, Made in USA, 90% cotton, 10% lycra).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$19.95	
☆☆☆	4885	LADIES RINGER TEE (Mandarin Orange tee with brown neck and sleeve trim with distressed George Strait Honky Tonk Heart Breaker design on chest, 100% combed cotton).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$16.95	
☆☆☆	5000	KELLY GREEN SILHOUETTE T-SHIRT (Kelly Green T-shirt with yellow G.S. silhouette).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$15.95	
☆☆☆	5001	CLASSIC CREME SILHOUETTE T-SHIRT (100% soft cotton creme T-shirt with kelly green trim on neck and sleeves, G.S. silhouette design on kelly green background).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$16.95	
☆☆☆	5001	CLASSIC CREME SILHOUETTE T-SHIRT (100% soft cotton creme T-shirt with kelly green trim on neck and sleeves, G.S. silhouette design on kelly green background).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$21.95	
☆☆☆	5002	BURN'T ORANGE OLD POSTER T-SHIRT (Burnt orange 100% cotton t-shirt, Aged "Somewhere Down in Texas" Poster Design).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$22.95	
☆☆☆	5002	BURN'T ORANGE OLD POSTER T-SHIRT (Burnt orange 100% cotton t-shirt, Aged "Somewhere Down in Texas" Poster Design).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$15.95	
☆☆☆	5003	TEXAS ROAD CREW T-SHIRT (Pale orange 100% cotton t-shirt with navy trim on neck and sleeves, G.S. "Somewhere Down in Texas" Road Crew design with distressed lettering).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$16.95	
☆☆☆	5003	TEXAS ROAD CREW T-SHIRT (Pale orange 100% cotton t-shirt with navy trim on neck and sleeves, G.S. "Somewhere Down in Texas" Road Crew design with distressed lettering).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$22.95	
☆☆☆	5005	TEXAS HIGHWAYS LONG SLEEVE SHIRT (Dark charcoal gray long sleeve t-shirt, G.S. Texas design on left chest and large Texas Highways design on back with G.S. signature).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$19.95	
☆☆☆	5005	TEXAS HIGHWAYS LONG SLEEVE SHIRT (Dark charcoal gray long sleeve t-shirt, G.S. Texas design on left chest and large Texas Highways design on back with G.S. signature).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$20.95	
☆☆☆	5006	GOLD/BROWN STONE WASHED T-SHIRT (Gold/Brown stone washed 100% pre-shrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with vintage G.S. "Somewhere Down in Texas" Tour 2006 logo on front center chest and "Live In Concert" vintage poster design with photo on back).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$19.95	
☆☆☆	5006	GOLD/BROWN STONE WASHED T-SHIRT (Gold/Brown stone washed 100% pre-shrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with vintage G.S. "Somewhere Down in Texas" Tour 2006 logo on front center chest and "Live In Concert" vintage poster design with photo on back).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$20.95	
☆☆☆	5007	STONE BLUE TOUR T-SHIRT (Stone blue color 100% pre-shrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with Great G.S. photo with "Somewhere Down in Texas" logo on front and G.S. Tour 2006 logo on back).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$16.95	
☆☆☆	5007	STONE BLUE TOUR T-SHIRT (Stone blue color 100% pre-shrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with Great G.S. photo with "Somewhere Down in Texas" logo on front and G.S. Tour 2006 logo on back).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$17.95	
☆☆☆	5009	DARK BROWN PIGMENT DYED T-SHIRT (Dark Brown pigment dyed 100% pre-shrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with G.S. "Somewhere Down in Texas" logo with State of TX on front center chest and G.S. photo with guitar and logo on back).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$19.95	
☆☆☆	5009	DARK BROWN PIGMENT DYED T-SHIRT (Dark Brown pigment dyed 100% pre-shrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with G.S. "Somewhere Down in Texas" logo with State of TX on front center chest and G.S. photo with guitar and logo on back).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$20.95	
☆☆☆	5205	BABY BIB (White Bib with "I Love George Strait" in Blue and Red - CUTE!)	\$6.95	
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☆☆☆	7045	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)	\$59.95	
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☆☆☆	9007	LADIES SWEAT STYLE LOUNGE TOP (Navy sweat style lounging top with large "I (heart) G.S." design on chest, no elastic hem at waist, 50/50).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$41.95	
☆☆☆	9008	LADIES SWEAT STYLE LOUNGING PANTS (Boot cut lounging sweat pants with "I (heart) G.S." embroidered on upper left leg, 50/50).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$29.95	
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☆☆☆	9010	HOODED SWEATSHIRT (Red 90% cotton/10% polyester pre-shrunk heavyweight fleece hooded sweatshirt, spacious hood with drawstring, extra large pouch pocket, vintage "Somewhere Down in Texas" logo on front chest in black and white).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$39.95	
☆☆☆	9010	HOODED SWEATSHIRT (Red 90% cotton/10% polyester pre-shrunk heavyweight fleece hooded sweatshirt, spacious hood with drawstring, extra large pouch pocket, vintage "Somewhere Down in Texas" logo on front chest in black and white).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$42.95	
☆☆☆	9665	GRAY HALF ZIP POLAR FLEECE PULL-OVER (Gray 100% polyester anti-pill polar fleece half-zip pull-over, deep pockets with black fleece lined collar, G.S. and State of Texas emblem embroidered on left chest).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$49.95	
☆☆☆	9665	GRAY HALF ZIP POLAR FLEECE PULL-OVER (Gray 100% polyester anti-pill polar fleece half-zip pull-over, deep pockets with black fleece lined collar, G.S. and State of Texas emblem embroidered on left chest).....Check Size: XXL <b>NEW</b>	\$52.95	
☆☆☆	9815	LADIES PINK JACKET (Athletic collared zip-up pink ladies jacket, 100% cotton with pink and white athletic stripes between shoulders and arms, G.S. name embroidered in red over left chest, Slim Fit).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$49.95	
☆☆☆	9825	LADIES BROWN JACKET (Athletic collared zip-up chocolate brown ladies jacket, 100% cotton with brown and white athletic stripes between shoulders and arms, G.S. name embroidered in white over left chest, Slim Fit.).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$49.95	
☆☆☆	9835	BASEBALL STYLE JACKET (Black denim body with khaki sleeves, G.S. name with Texas Flag embroidered on left chest and large round "Somewhere Down in Texas" design embroidered on the back, Black ribbed collar and sleeves, deep front pockets and khaki trim, 100% cotton).....Check Size: M L XL <b>NEW</b>	\$149.95	
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# — GEORGE STRAIT 2006 TOUR —

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# ♪ Anita's Notes ♪

Welcome to the spring issue of Strait Talk. We hope you all have had a pleasant holiday and brought 2006 in with a bang.

George and the Ace in the Hole Band have already traveled thousands of miles and still have thousands to go. Thank you for taking the journey with them. From the reviews and the letters received at the fan club office, you all are having a lot of fun. We enjoy hearing from you and appreciate the photos and reviews.

George continues to break his own attendance records in concert halls as he did in Little Rock, AR while his records continue to pile up the platinum awards. "50 #1 Hits" has reached the six (6) million mark in sales. Congratulations to George and all the folks at MCA for reaching this milestone. Well done!

We have had many people ask about an album with George, Jimmy Buffett and Alan Jackson that they have seen talked about and we thought it would be best to set the record Strait. The performance that they did together last Memorial Day weekend in Dallas was recorded and there has been an effort made to put together an album from the recordings. It is still a work in progress but, if it comes to fruition, it will not be available until late spring or early summer at the earliest. We suggest that you keep checking the George Strait website at [www.georgestrait.com](http://www.georgestrait.com) for any updates.

George Strait's new single is "Seahorses of Old Mexico," a song that was written by Merle Haggard. Strait has performed the song in his live shows for some time and finally recorded it on his "Somewhere Down In Texas" CD. The good news is that George went down to Mexico to film a video for the single during the middle of February and fans should be able to see it on CMT and GAC in the near future. Let us know what you think. We invite you to keep in touch with our website to see when the video will be aired.

"She Let Herself Go" is George's 52nd number 1 single and continues his legendary record for the most #1 songs by any solo artist in history. Congratulations to George on a job well done.

It has been a very busy first half of the

year and there is so much more to do. With the 24th Annual GSTRC in San Antonio, TX on March 10th and 11th at the San Antonio Rose Palace, to the last leg of the tour in Canada. We will have all the results and photos in the next issue of Strait Talk. Good luck to George and Bubba in the roping as we wish them both well.

As you can see, management has added 3 more Canadian dates in Hamilton, ON, Ottawa, ON and Toronto, ON to the tour. We suggest that you always check the website at [www.georgestrait.com](http://www.georgestrait.com) for any tour updates.

We hope you have checked out the merchandise on the website. We have many items that are different from the road this year. Please read the descriptions carefully. A few of the "ladies" tops run on the small side. All regular t-shirts are unisex. The sweatshirts and jackets run true to size. If you are ordering on-line, please go over your info by checking your address. We are shipping each day by UPS and you can check the tracking of your package.

Please note that, when you are returning an item for credit, that we will refund the amount of the item but do not refund shipping charges. In addition, we are unable to replace or refund items that are purchased

at concerts. Please check your designs and sizes before leaving the venue as all sales there are final.

If you have moved, or are planning on moving, please send us your address, phone number and email address so we can update your info if you have been unable to do it online.

Thanks for the concert reviews, photos and fan club collectable column items. If you would like to submit items for Strait Talk, please do so. If they are used, we will send you \$5 in Strait Cash, a collector's card and your Strait Talk in a first class envelope.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to enjoy all of George wonderful shows for the remainder of the tour. We have enjoyed our outing and hope to travel to a few more.

Before we go, we want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Norma Strait on Feb. 23rd, George Strait on May 18th and to Bubba Strait on May 14th. May all of your wishes come true!

We continue to send our prayers and best wishes to all the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who are doing a magnificent job for all of us around the globe. God Bless America!

## Happy Birthday!

*Norma Strait*  
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