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**Defibrillator vest a blessing for Spearman man**  
A 57-year-old man in Spearman, South Carolina, who has a heart condition, was given a defibrillator vest by the local hospital. The vest is used to monitor his heart rate and can deliver a shock if it detects an irregular rhythm. The man, who is a member of the local church, says the vest has been a blessing for him. The hospital staff praised his courage and the support of his family.



**Area children's 'Dear Santa' letters special section**  
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**Baker Arts offers ARTStart - Fingers and Toes**  
The Baker Arts Center is offering a new program for children with disabilities. The program, called ARTStart - Fingers and Toes, is designed to help children develop their fine motor skills and artistic abilities. The program is open to children of all ages and abilities. The center provides a safe and supportive environment for children to learn and grow.



**Union seeks severance for teacher convicted of raping student**  
A teacher in a school district is seeking severance pay after being convicted of raping a student. The teacher, who has been employed for many years, is currently on leave. The school district is considering the teacher's request for severance pay. The case has caused a significant amount of controversy and concern within the community.