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peare," said Pedro Silva, managing and artistic director of NCSE. "It [Shakespeare to Go] serves as a visual aid — a teacher's tool — that can help to invigorate and bring to life the Shakespeare curriculum and make it more vibrant for students in our schools."

Hunter said as the economy forces cuts in school and arts programs, she is hoping the fashion show will raise enough funds to keep Shakespeare to Go alive.

"With money so short in schools and the Shakespeare Festival not having extra money to fully fund the program, we thought we would have this Vintage Fashion Show to help with funding. I think people will have interest in learning the history of fashions and in bringing Shakespeare to the schools."

As former owner of the Antique Emporium in Thomasville, Hunter has accumulated an extensive collection of vintage clothing, including a dress worn by an actress on Bonanza who played Little Joe's (Michael Landing) girlfriend. Also on display will be an assortment of parasols, hats, purses and antique jewelry.

Hunter said she thought



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Sue Hunter displays some of the items which will be on display at the Vintage Fashion Show Feb. 10.

the fashion show would be a nice way for people to enjoy lunch and to share the history of fashion and how trends always come back around.

"The uneven hemline of skirts came back a few years ago," Hunter said. "That fashion came from the '20s. It was a time when women bobbed their hair, shortened their skirts and went to pubs and smoked cigarettes, and that was truly when women became liberated."

Silva said NCSF is looking forward to hosting the Vintage Fashion Show and perhaps more

in the future.

"This is the very first fashion show the Shakespeare Festival has ever held and so much of it is possible because we have a wonderful new space called Spirit Center," said Silva. "Because of this new campus and Sue Hunter's passion for antique clothing, we're able to do this fashion show, and we hope it will be the first of many."

For more information or to reserve tickets, call the NCSF at 841-2273, or visit ncsfshakes.org.

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MAKEOVER

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into that."

Creasey will be watching the show's premiere at Tricia's Catering in Lexington. Several area restaurants are broadcasting the show and will be giving a portion of any proceeds to charity. Creasey continues her chemotherapy treatments and is due to have a scan next week to determine how she is pro-

gressing. The Creasey family is still receiving positive reinforcement from the community.

"We still have people leaving us good wishes in our mailbox," Creasey said. "We get something at least once a week. We live in a great community."

A behind-the-scenes look into the show will start at 7 p.m. Sunday with Extreme Makeover: Home Edition beginning at 8 p.m.

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rate in December at 6.2 percent with Graham County showing the highest at 17.6 percent.

"There haven't been big layoffs that I'm aware of that would account for the increase," said Alan Wagner, employment consultant at the Lexington ESC office. "It's speculation on my part, but [the increase] was probably due to the holiday season. We have seen 2,628 attached claims in December. That usually happens around the holidays when employers put their workers on short-time."

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RUNNING

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"I am the same size I was 37 years ago," Toshumba said. "Running makes me feel good. Anything can become an addiction and running is addictive. You have to keep all your parts working. Sitting around doesn't help."

What started out as an inexpensive way to stay in shape has grown into a lifestyle for Toshumba, a retired counselor who worked with the organization CAPPS (Children and Parents Partnership Services). A vegetarian since 1972, Toshumba maintains a healthy diet and rarely misses a day of exercise. Rain or shine, warm or cold, Toshumba finds the time to get in his hour and a half run from his home to Optimist Park and back. The route totals eight miles and gives Toshumba time to reflect on his thoughts and get ready for the rest of the day.

"It makes me a calmer person," said Toshumba. "My wife will sometimes tell me to go run if I'm getting into a bunch of different things around the house. I use the time to pray and to give thanks for everything I have in life. I'm retired now and am comfortable with my life. I'm thankful that I can still do it and it's nice having a little time to myself."

Regardless of where he is or what the conditions are like outside, Toshumba is determined to get his daily jog in. He has run on the beaches of Puerto Rico and Myrtle Beach, in the Colorado

mountains, and once even tried the New York City marathon. He has thousands of dollars of equipment, suited to get him through the most extreme conditions.

"I have it down to where I can do this year round," Toshumba said. "Rain doesn't bother me, but if there's lightning, come get me."

Toshumba has become such a fixture on Holly Grove Road over the years that different generations of neighbors recognize him making his daily run. Every Christmas, Toshumba can be seen jogging with a Santa Claus hat, making him a hit with the area children.

"The stories I hear amaze me," said Toshumba. "One gentleman came up to me and said I remember seeing you running when I was a kid. Now I have children of my own and they're asking me who you are. I say that same thing my parents told me, that's the guy that runs."

Motorists in the area have become accustomed to Toshumba's routine. Whenever vehicles pass by, Toshumba throws up a hand to wave hello. He has been offered rides home when a sudden storm sweeps across his route. Despite knowing just a few names, Toshumba is appreciative of his neighbors' compassion and respect for his devotion.

"People have pulled up and offered me a ride home and I'd be soaking wet," Toshumba said. "They don't care about their car. They see me as more important. We have developed a nice relationship. Everyone is very

considerate of me running."

Tom Doyle, Thomasville Medical Center's manager of pulmonary and cardiac rehab, said Toshumba is a good example of what happens when people stay active and live a healthier lifestyle. Doyle said regular exercise does the body good in so many ways.

"The benefits of maintaining good health are well documented," said Doyle. "Exercise boosts the immune system, helps you sleep better and helps prevent depression. Exercise also is God's best medicine for diabetes, hypertension and obesity."

In a few short months, Toshumba's wife will have to endure the annual sporting of that trusted old suit. Jamal may have those platform shoes by then, completing an ensemble 38 years in the making. It's a good bet that suit has a few more birthdays left in it because Jamal doesn't appear to be slowing down.

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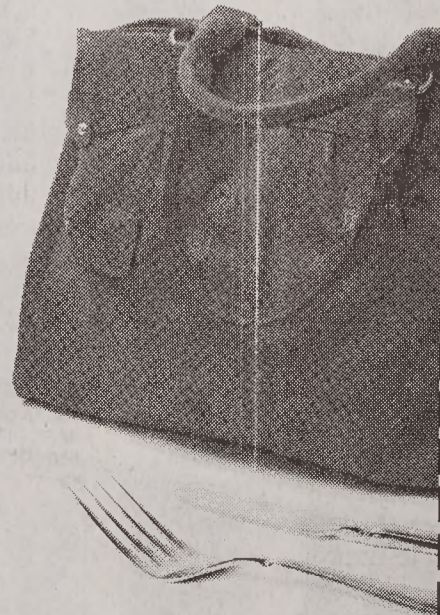
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