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WEST NORRITON — They danced, they putted, they played video games.

Those were just a few of the activities area residents engaged in before, during and after picking up financial tips and health information at The Times Herald's Better Living Expo

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Herald's Better Living Expo Tuesday at Westover Country Club in Jeffersonville.

The Bon Voyage Barbershop Quartet serenaded guests as they moved around the room visiting local vendors who answered questions about healthy living and retirement options.

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Area residents made their way to the Westover Country Club in Jeffersonville on Tuesday for the third annual Times Herald Better Living Expo.

Pictured clockwise, from top: Florence Bruno tries her hand at Nintendo Wii bowling. Students from the Cortiva Institute, Pennsylvania School of Muscle Therapy, work on visitors. Eagles great Tommy McDonald shakes hands with Conshohocken resident Joan Pierce. Brooke Hayward, of Silver Sneakers, holds a yoga stretch class.

at King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company firehouse on Allendale Road near King of Prussia Mall.

Detectives are considering the possibility an argument over illegal drugs motivated the shooting, a police official said Monday.

The wounded woman was helped out of the car and brought into the firehouse's restaurant-bar and taken inside a bathroom. Minutes later, medics arrived and began treating her.

The victim was flown to Hahnemann See PROBE on Page A5

◆ East Norriton Friendship in bloom

Centennial garden dedication commemorates relationship between township, German city

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EAST NORRITON — The Centennial Friendship Garden dedicated late Tuesday afternoon in front of the township building was called "a lasting symbol," a "garden of friendship" and a "seed of hope" by township officials and an official visitor from Germany.

Karin Zehrer, the deputy of Treptow-Kopenick's city parliament

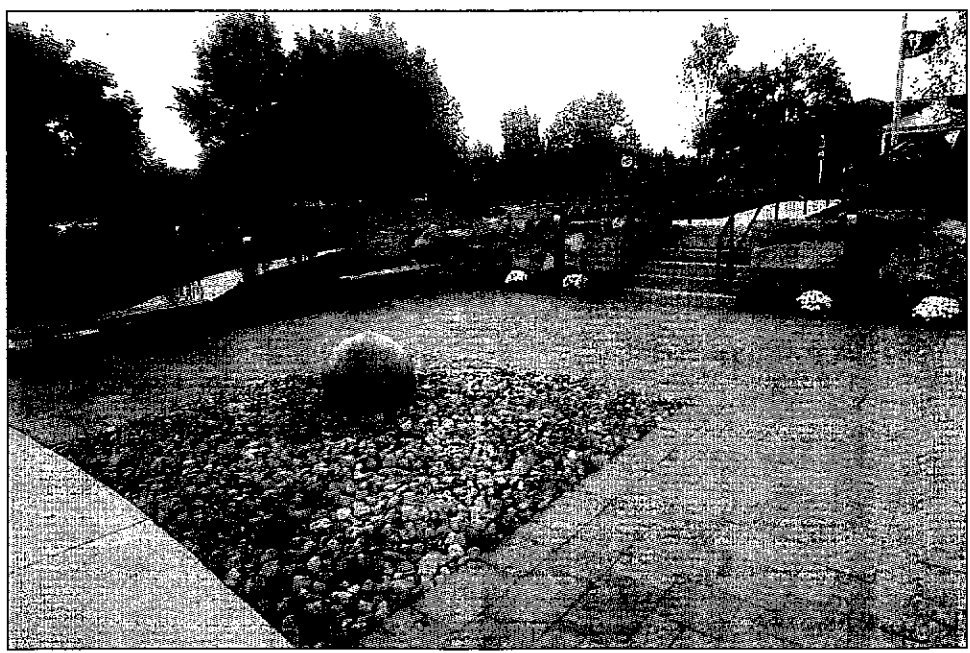
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(East Norriton's "sister" city in Germany), delivered greetings and congratulations from the borough of Berlin, Germany, in English while her

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A view of the newly dedicated Centennial Friendship Garden in East Norriton on Tuesday.

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14-year-old daughter, Sophia, read the German translation.

"The friendship between our towns provides a positive example," Zehrer said. "The garden of friendship is a tangible thing."

"People in Treptow-Kopenick are really fond of East Norriton. They are interested in American life," she said before the ceremony. "We are really dedicated to our partnership with this American community."

A crowd of 65 endured briskly cold winds during the 20-minute, outdoor dedication ceremony.

The Rev. Byron Craig of Macedonia Baptist Church in East Norriton started the invocation with, "Let us look to the Lord. Hopefully it will get warmer as we pray."

Supervisors' Chairman Lewis McQuirms recalled that East Norriton was formed Oct. 12, 1908 when Norriton Township was split into East Norriton and West Norriton

by a court order.

He called the garden "a lasting symbol of our centennial celebration. We hope this garden serves as a reminder of our friendship."

Norristown Area School District Supt. Janet Samuels likened the garden, framed by sandstone boulders weighing 150 pounds to one ton, as "the seeds of opportunity and the seeds of hope."

Francis "Bud" Denner, chairman of the Centennial Committee, called the location for the garden "most appropriate" because the township's Veterans Memorial and a township cemetery are nearby.

"This is East Norriton's hallowed ground," he said.

State Rep. Jay Moyer, R-70th Dist., brought a ceremonial \$10,000 check for the garden's construction costs.

"This is a wonderful symbol for the township," Moyer said.

State Sen. Connie Williams, D-17th Dist., has been seeking an additional \$10,000 state contribution for the garden, said Township Manager Helmuth Baerwald. Williams did not attend the ceremony.

The East Norriton Middle School choir and band sang and played the American Pledge of Allegiance and the German national anthem.

Residents toured the garden of annual and perennial flower beds, shrubs and small pine trees, a central bubbler fountain, natural stone pavers and a row of sandstone boulders after the ceremony.

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Deputy of Treptow-Kopenick's city parliament Karin Zehrer, far right, and her 14-year-old daughter Sophia delivered greetings and congratulations on the completion of the garden in East Norriton at the dedication ceremony Tuesday. Treptow-Kopenick is East Norriton's sister city in Germany.

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University Hospital in Philadelphia. She is reported to be in stable condition Monday.

The police report described her injury as an entry and exit

Cobalt on Sunday, investigators spotted a bullet hole in one of the car's taillights.

Detectives are considering the possibility an argument over illegal drugs motivated the shooting, a police official said Monday.

Police discovered one of the witnesses, a 25-year-old Norristown man, was wanted for arrest on unrelated



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