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Making contact: Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson (above) greets Lacey Walke of the Barbados Consulate during a golf outing at Oakland University. The event was an opportunity for businesses to meet international contacts and for OU to show its international programs. Meanwhile, Dave Ross (right) of Patterson's executive staff takes a chip shot up onto the green at OU's course, Katke-Cousins.

Businesses learn of international trade contacts

"Boundaries and national differences took a back seat last week in favor of more pressing matters... golf and international trade."

About 40 people representing businesses or foreign countries converged at the Katke-Cousins Golf Course at Oakland University Wednesday for a golf outing to promote international trade.

"It's not generally known if any

deals were consummated, but the golf outing is an ideal way for businesses and to get acquainted with foreign trade representatives, according to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

"Oakland County is a gateway to the global market," said Patterson, who has hosted trade missions to Mexico and plans another to Canada in October.

The outing was also a good chance for OU to tout its international programs, said cohost Gary Russi, president of the university.

Aloys K. Schwarz, honorary consul general from the Austrian Consulate, said the informal set-

ting was ideal for networking. When the need arises, he said, it's invaluable to know whom to contact.

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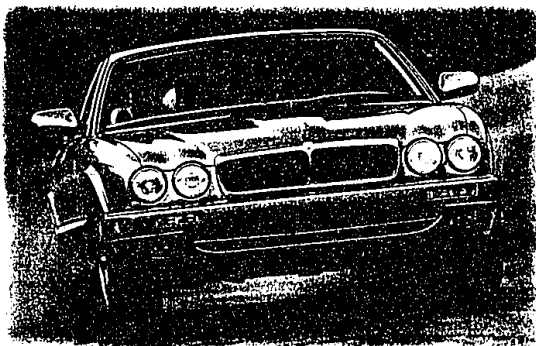
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