

Kia brings in a ringer *Flexible Rondo crossover rounds out the lineup*

By Richard Russell

VANCOUVER, British Columbia -- The Kia model line, already the youngest in the industry, gets another addition with the arrival of the Rondo.

The latest of the emerging batch of CUVs (crossover-utility vehicles), the Rondo is based on the same platform and uses the same drivetrain as the Magentis. With four conventional swing-out doors and a big rear hatch, it is

more car-like than a minivan. With a low ride height and step-in, it provides very easy access to the second and third rows, making it more people-friendly than an SUV.

The urban utility vehicle, as Kia calls it,

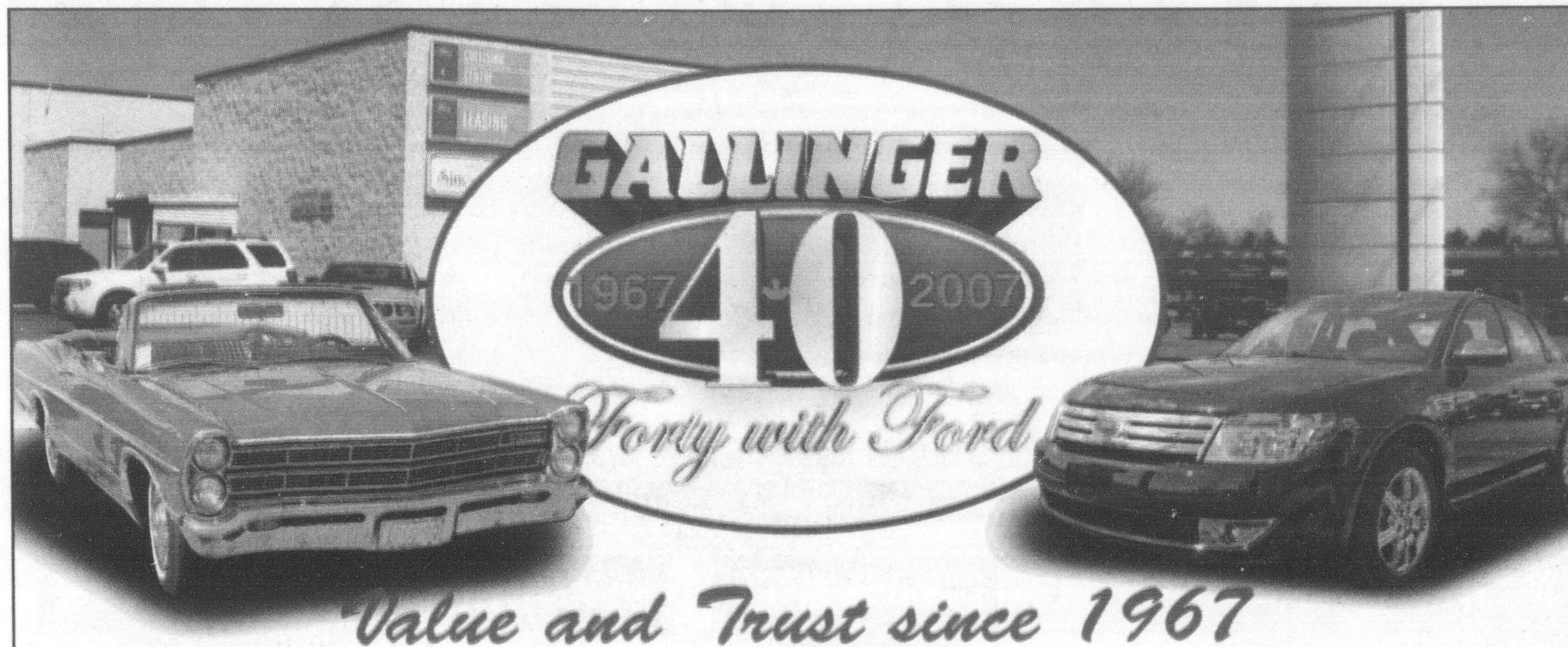
comes in five or seven seat configurations. Competitors include the Mazda5, Toyota Matrix, Chevrolet HHR and Dodge Caliber. Kia claims the Rondo has the edge on three fronts: safety, space and value. It comes with a 162-horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine with more power than most of the others. But it can also be equipped with a 2.7-litre, 185-horsepower V6, which none of its competitors offer. The four-cylinder is matched with a four-speed automatic and the V6 gets a five-speed automatic.

The exterior is fairly conventional in appearance with a stylish rear-end, which is hard to accomplish with such a boxy shape. The interior is a treat for the eyes with style and thoughtful touches everywhere you look. Worthy of particular praise is the centre stack and the variety of storage nooks and crannies scattered throughout. The materials are of a very high quality and fit and finish are worthy of a luxury car. The combination of orange illumination and charcoal trim furthers the upscale impression.

The front seats are wide and comfortable, the second-row units provide ample knee room and the available third row is suitable for small folks. Kia figures show the Rondo has more head, shoulder and leg room than the competition. With the third row in place, there is precious little storage room behind, but with it folded flat into the floor there is a wide, level, well-finished cargo area complete with small, secure storage spaces beneath. In five-passenger configuration there are more and larger hidden storage areas under the cargo floor. The backs of both front seats and the second-row seats fold flat.

The Rondo rides and handles like a car and is exceptionally quiet in terms of wind and road noise. The V6 we

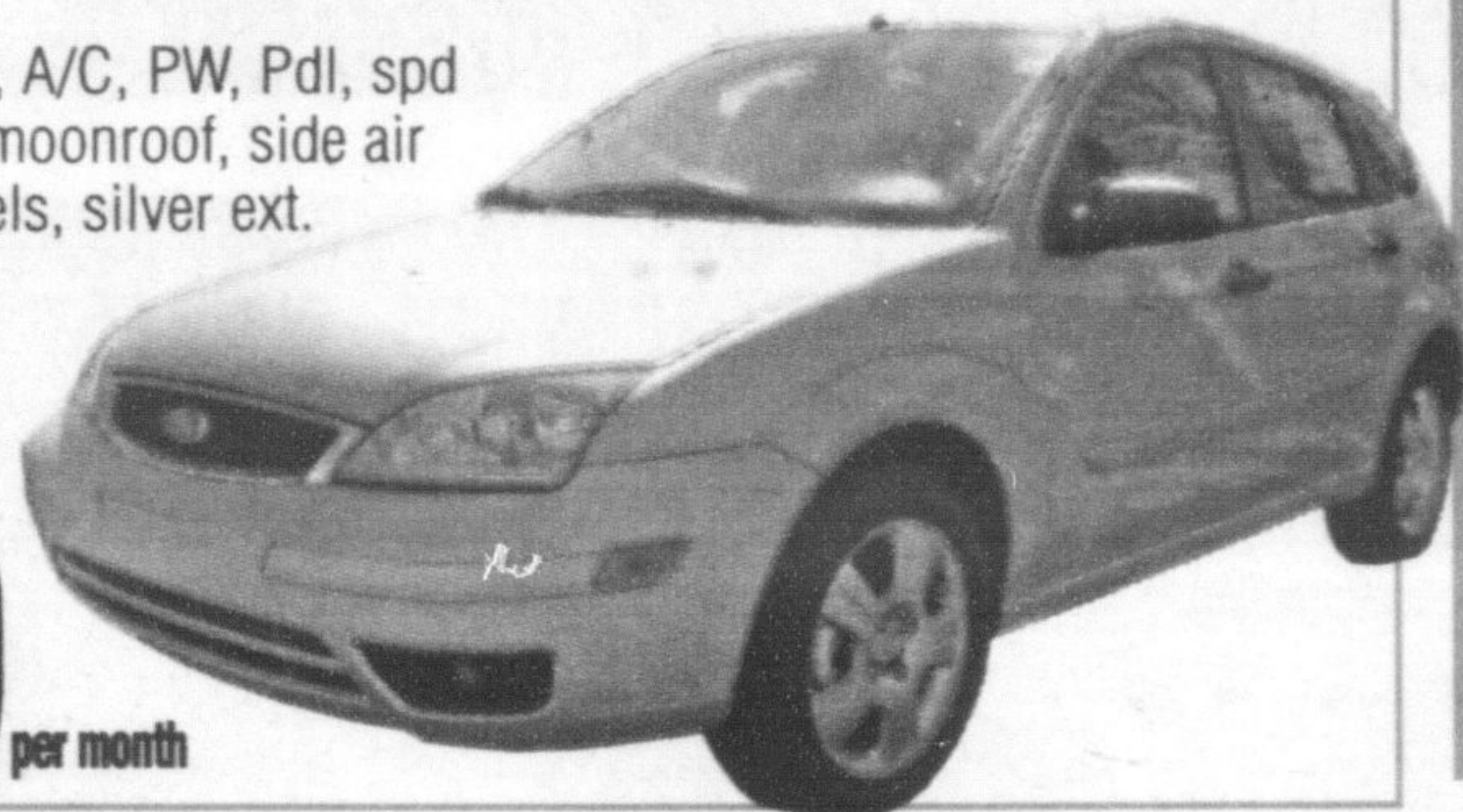
Continued on page 16



Ford 2007 FINAL CLEAROUT

2007 Ford Focus ZX5 SES

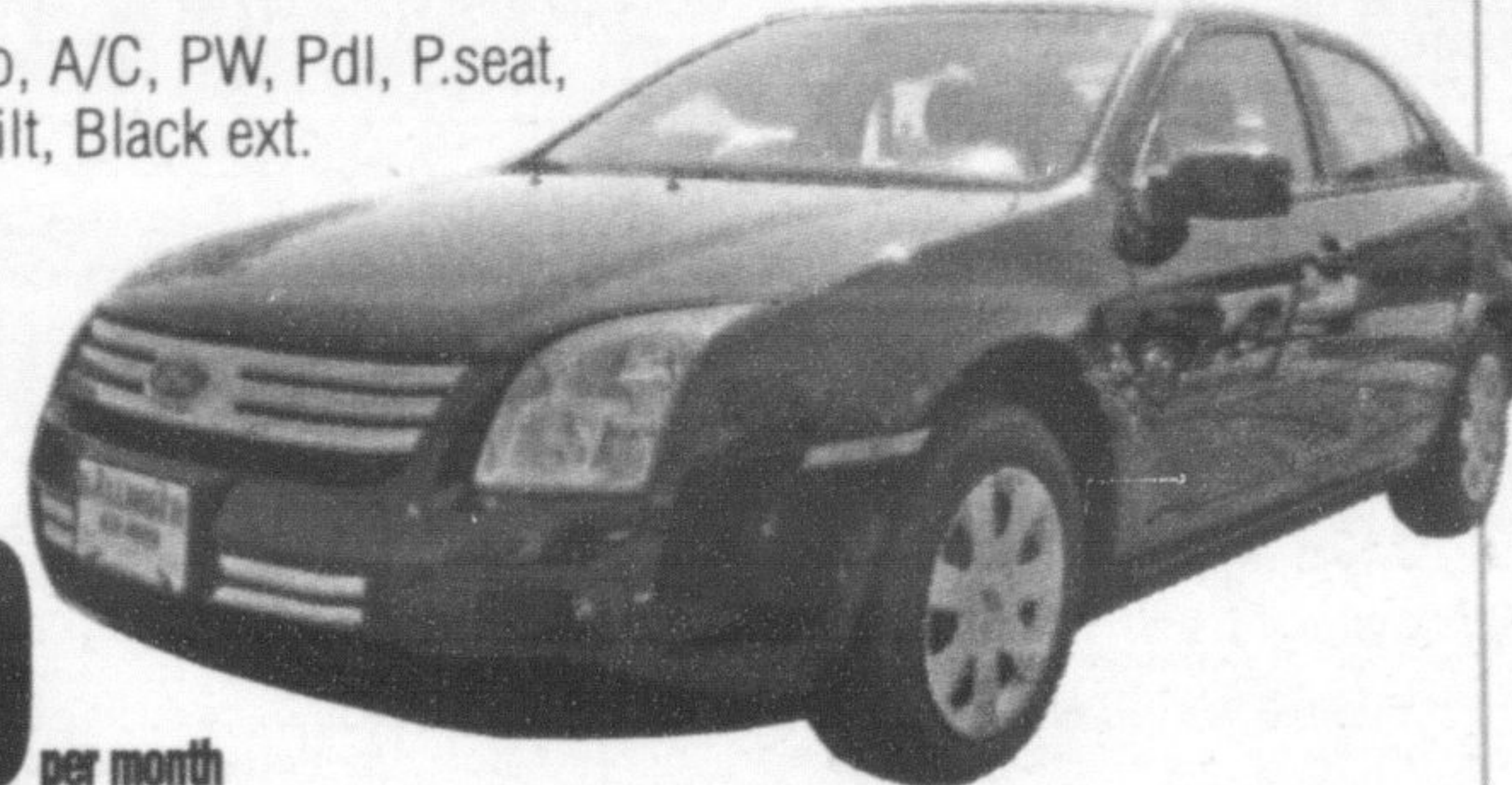
2.0L 4 Cyl, auto, A/C, PW, Pdl, spd control & tilt, P.moonroof, side air bags, alum wheels, silver ext. St #A7104.



\$279 per month

2007 Ford Fusion SE

2.3L 4 Cyl, auto, A/C, PW, Pdl, P.seat, spd control & tilt, Black ext. St #D7049.



\$299 per month

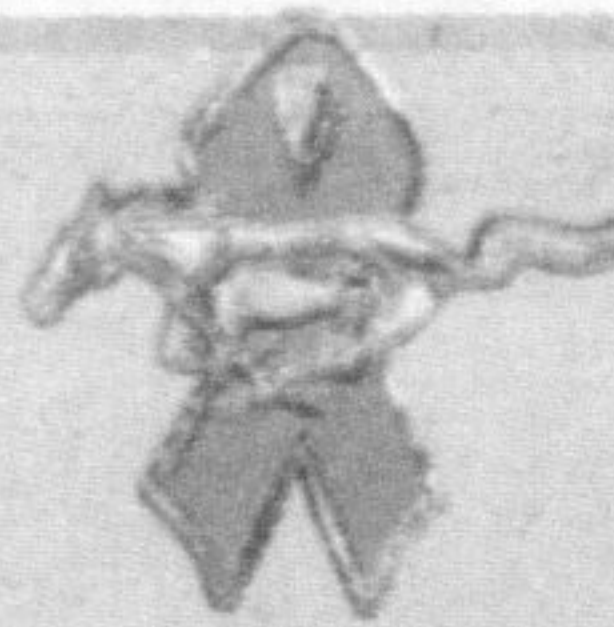
CHECK OUT OUR NEW 2008 LINE UP... ARRIVING DAILY!

2008 Ford Escape XLT FWD

2.3L 4 Cyl, auto, A/C, PW, Pdl, spd control & tilt, alum wheels, privacy glass, p. seat, Red Fire ext. St #S8058.



\$349 per month

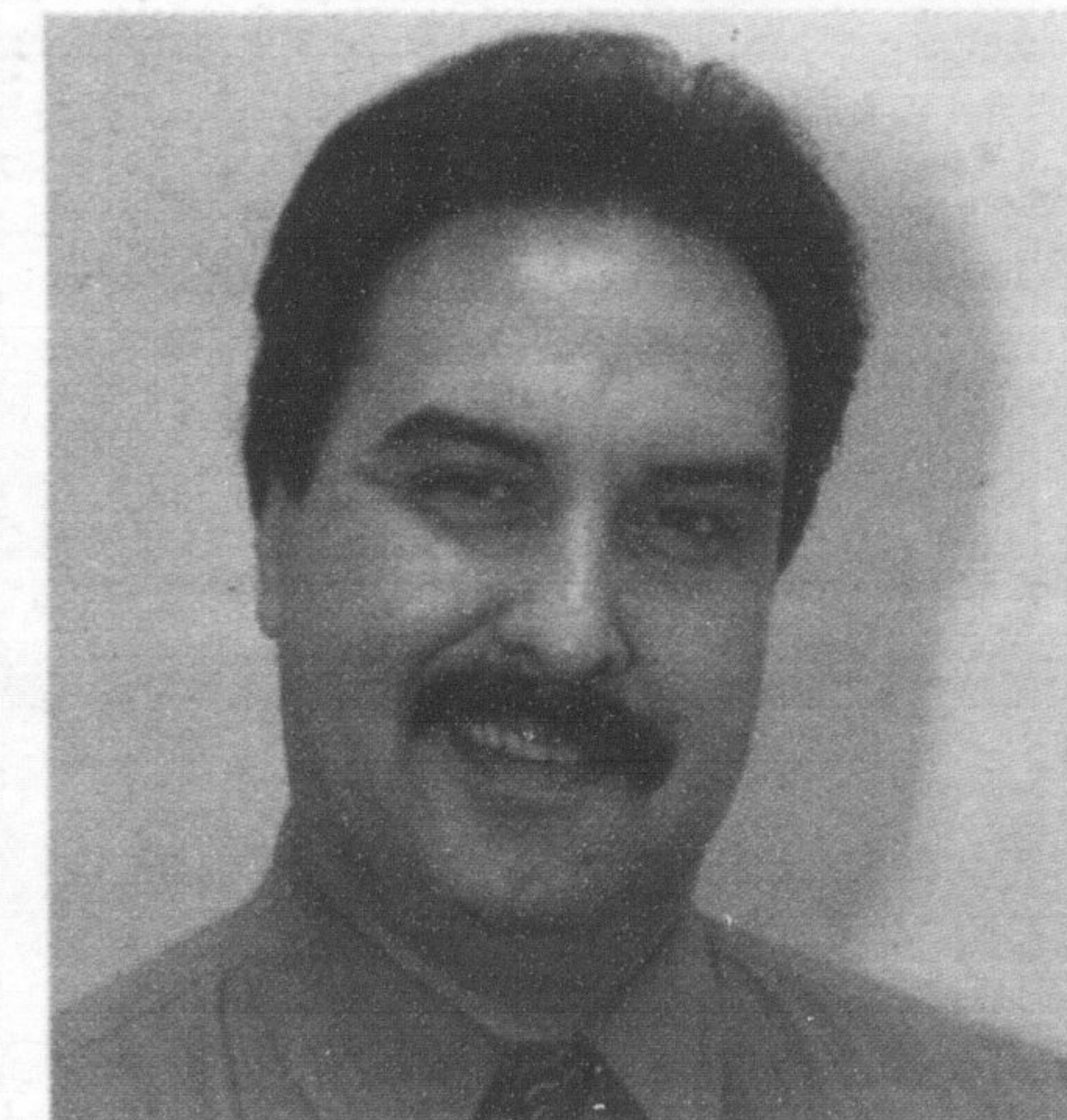
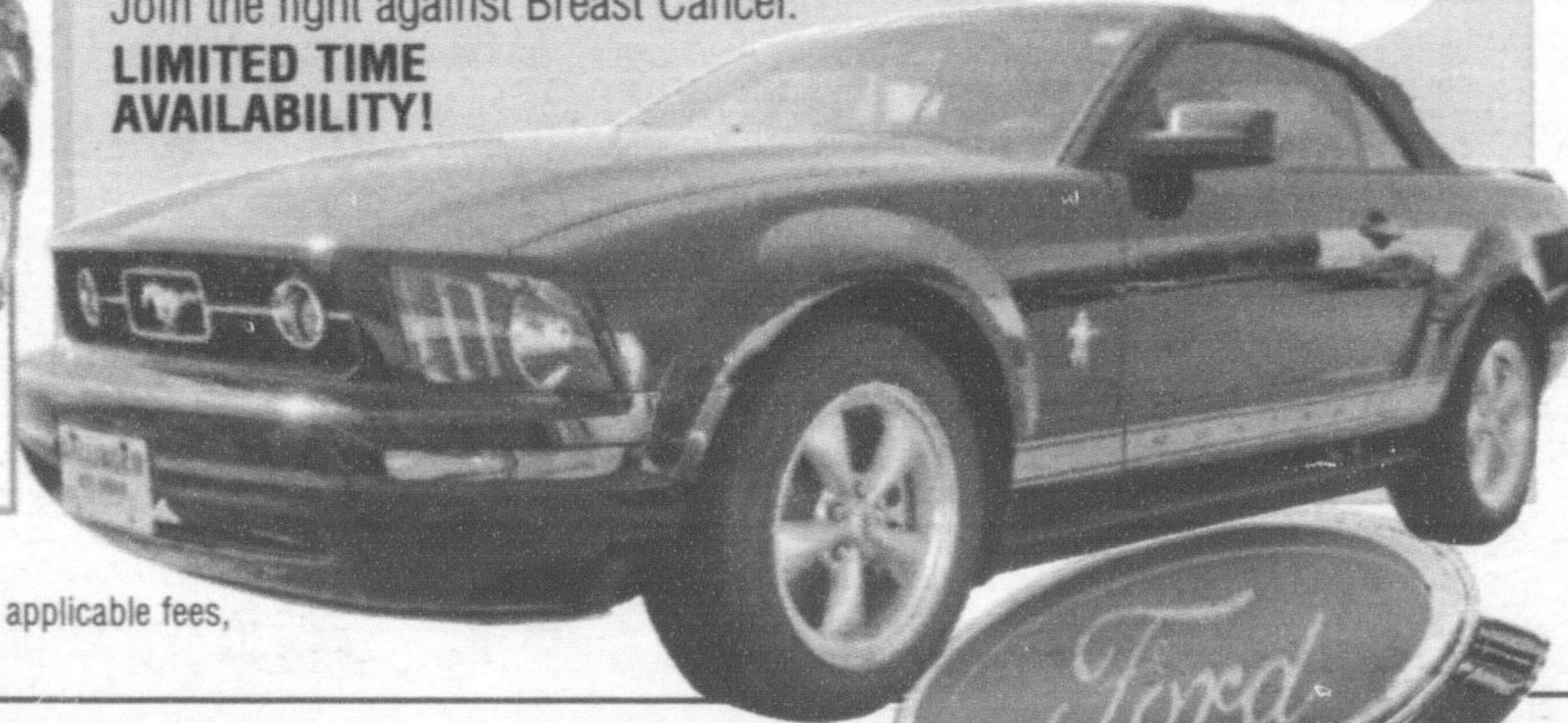


2008 Ford Mustang Warriors

in Pink Special Edition

Just Arrived!

Join the fight against Breast Cancer. LIMITED TIME AVAILABILITY!



Recognizing Performance

Milton Chrysler Dodge Jeep is proud to announce Joe De Oliveira's membership to Chrysler Canada's Senate Sales Guild. Chrysler Canada's Senate Sales Guild is the highest accomplishment that can be achieved and is recognized only to Chrysler Canada's top 50 sales people. This is Joe's fourth consecutive year in a row achieving this honour and he wishes to thank Milton for your ongoing support. Joe has been serving Milton for over ten years and is part of Milton Chrysler Dodge Jeep's #1 Sales Team in Canada for Customer Satisfaction.

GALLINGER

FORD LINCOLN
655 MAIN STREET EAST. MILTON
www.gallingerford.com

SALES • LEASING • SERVICE • PARTS • COLLISION CENTRE

Direct Parts Line
905-875-0111



(905) 875-FORD
3 6 7 3