CONCEPT CARS

The following concepts made their debut at the 1998 Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association (SEMA) show in Las Vegas from Nov. 2-4. *News releases and photos available for each vehicle.* **Contact: Media Information Center (media@ford.com) 313/621-0504 or access www.pa.ford.com**

COUGAR ELIMINATOR: This high-performance cat adds a ground-effects package, spoiler and unique hood to take Cougar's aggressive styling one step further. Eliminator's free flowing, supercharged 2.5-liter, 24-valve DOHC Duratec ™ V-6, based on Cougar's production powerplant, significantly boosts this already quick and nimble cat's performance numbers. Interior details include upgraded sport seats a leather and carbon fiber steering wheel with integral air bag and sport pedals. The car comes to life with a Chrom-O-Flair paint finish, which changes hues depending on the light and angle of view.

MERCURY MARARUDER -- Think of the concept Marauder as a Grand Marquis that's spent the past year in the gym -- it's trimmed down, pumped up and ready for action. This hot rod gives Mercury's spirited 4.6-liter SOHC sequential electronic fuel injected V-8 a Ford SVO supercharger for more power. The exterior of this special Grand Marquis is finished with a monochromatic black paint treatment. Outside, a signature Mercury vertical bar grille painted body color makes a great first impression as does the supple leather sporty bucket seats inside.

EXPEDITION HIMALAYA -- Named after the highest, most treacherous mountain range in the world, the Himalaya's rock/ice climbing theme blends futuristic styling ideas with highly functional outdoor components for adventurous treks to high base camp. Based on a 1999 Ford Expedition 4x4, Himalaya's sports a larger wheel and tire combination accommodated by four more inches of ride height made possible by adjustable shocks controlled by an in-cab remote system. Himalaya sports an open roof design for added utility in the back country.

GAMETIME VILLAGER -- Let the tailgate party begin. Gametime offers plenty of interior storage room for tailgating essentials like an ice chest, collapsible picnic table and chairs, and a BBQ grill. The plush interior also features a built-in rear entertainment module with side-mounted stereo speakers, ice bucket, humidor, storage and integrated DVD player hooked to a 21-inch plasma flat panel monitor. The exterior of Gametime Villager is covered with a coat of high metallic Cabernet Red paint and features unique front and rear fascias, two unique sliding canvas sunroofs and a tent canopy stowed in the rear liftgate.

TEKSPORT WINDSTAR -- The TekSport concept is based on a 1999 Ford Windstar and features a sleek 21st century aerodynamic profile and wide road-hugging stance, capped with a bubble roof section with wrap-over windows. But, TekSport's interior makes the biggest statement with an entertainment system which incorporates a removable portable DVD player, multiple 6.4-inch LCD active-matrix displays and an innovative modular

headliner with digital memo recorder, cell phone storage and power points. Tekies will roam with assistance from the van's remote fold-down, sunvisor-mounted GPS antenna hooked to the navigation system installed in the dash.

ZX2 FUSION -- The Ford ZX2 Fusion is a true performance with a 230-horsepower supercharged version of the feisty 2.0L Zetec DOHC 16-valve. Fusion's yellow-on-black body features a new chin spoiler, distinctive rocker treatment, a unique rear valance and a Roush spoiler. The interior is upgraded with deeply bolstered bucket seats, a shorty shifter, Roush pedals and supercharger boost gauge, and a Stillwater Designs audio system.