

# Teenager's death hits SDSS hard

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Fitzgerald, spoke directly to Morgan's former classmates—dozens of which were clad in T-shirts emblazoned with "Rest In Peace Morgan".

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Morgan's death has cut to the core of Whitchurch-Stouffville's youth community, particularly at Stouffville District Secondary School, according to his friend, Phil Martiniello. Morgan was expected to return to Stouffville Secondary for the second semester, friends said.

"I haven't seen our school this quiet," said Phil, a friend of Morgan's since they were 11 years old and attending Orchard Park Public School in Stouffville. "It's hard to believe how quiet it is."

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Barbara Fitzgerald,  
aunt of Morgan Fitzgerald

Counsellors were on hand to talk to students and staff in the school co-op office. Others signed large cards for the family.

The Martiniello family kitchen was turned into a T-shirt factory over the weekend. About 90 were sold. Funds raised will be given to the Fitzgerald family to be forwarded to a charity of their choice, Phil said.

"He was always a good guy to me," Phil said. "We got along really well. He was one of those kids who was always up for anything. He was the first to try a new (snowboarding) move."

The teenagers enjoyed inline skating in the Memorial Park skatepark, snow skating around Stouffville, watching movies and "just hanging out at friends' houses," Phil said.

Rev. Lou Geense spoke of bringing healing to the broken hearts and shattered spirits left following Morgan's life.

"Today it's right to be sad, it's right to cry," Rev. Geense said. "But it's also right to celebrate Morgan's life."

Following the service, mourners quietly filed outside, some sitting with lowered heads on snowmobiles parked adjacent to the church's parking lot.



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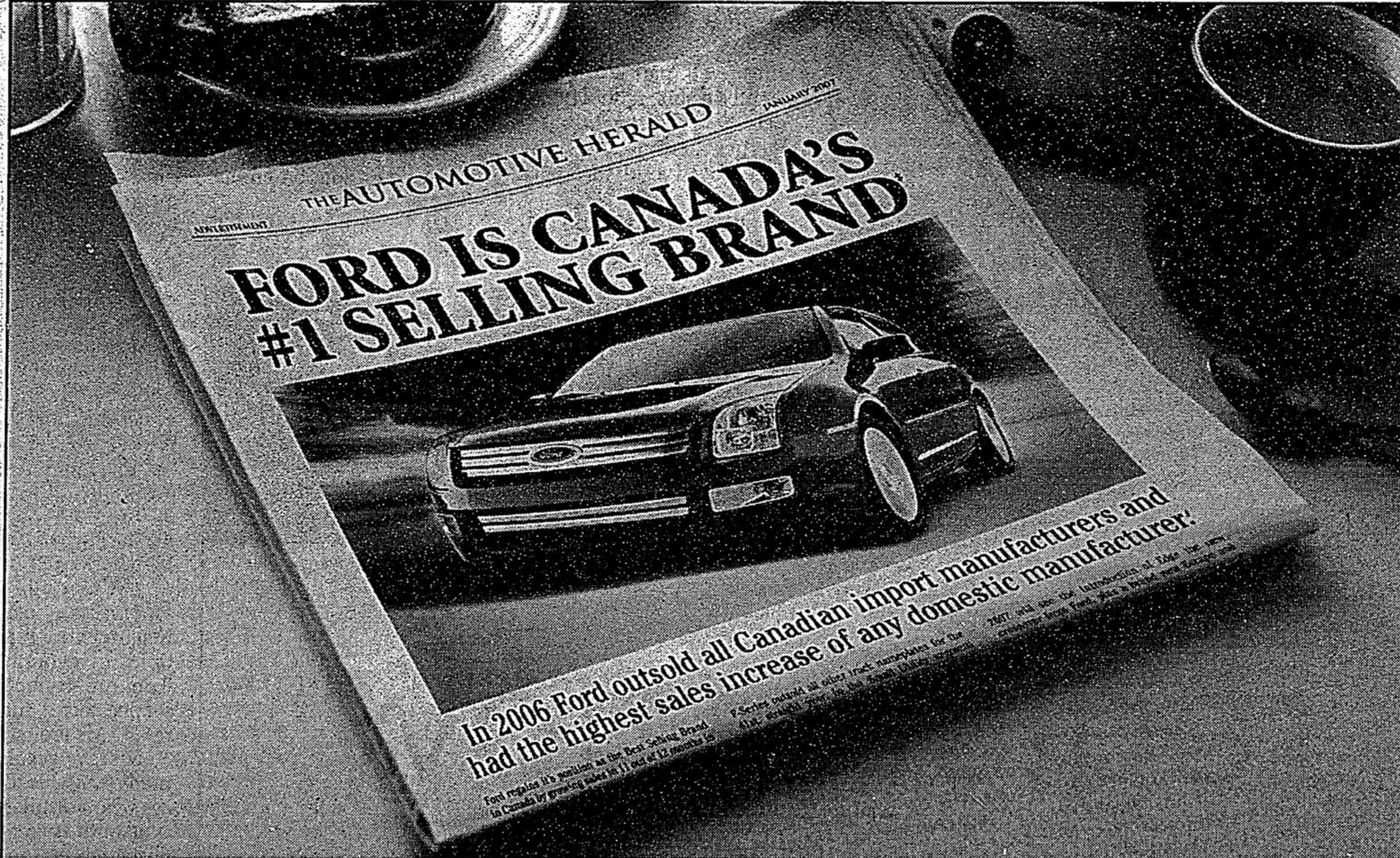
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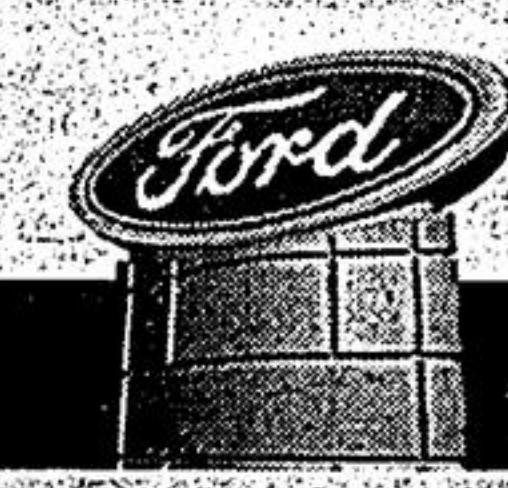
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