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Tom's Tips:

Safe Driving with Tom Hnatiw: How to choose a safe tire

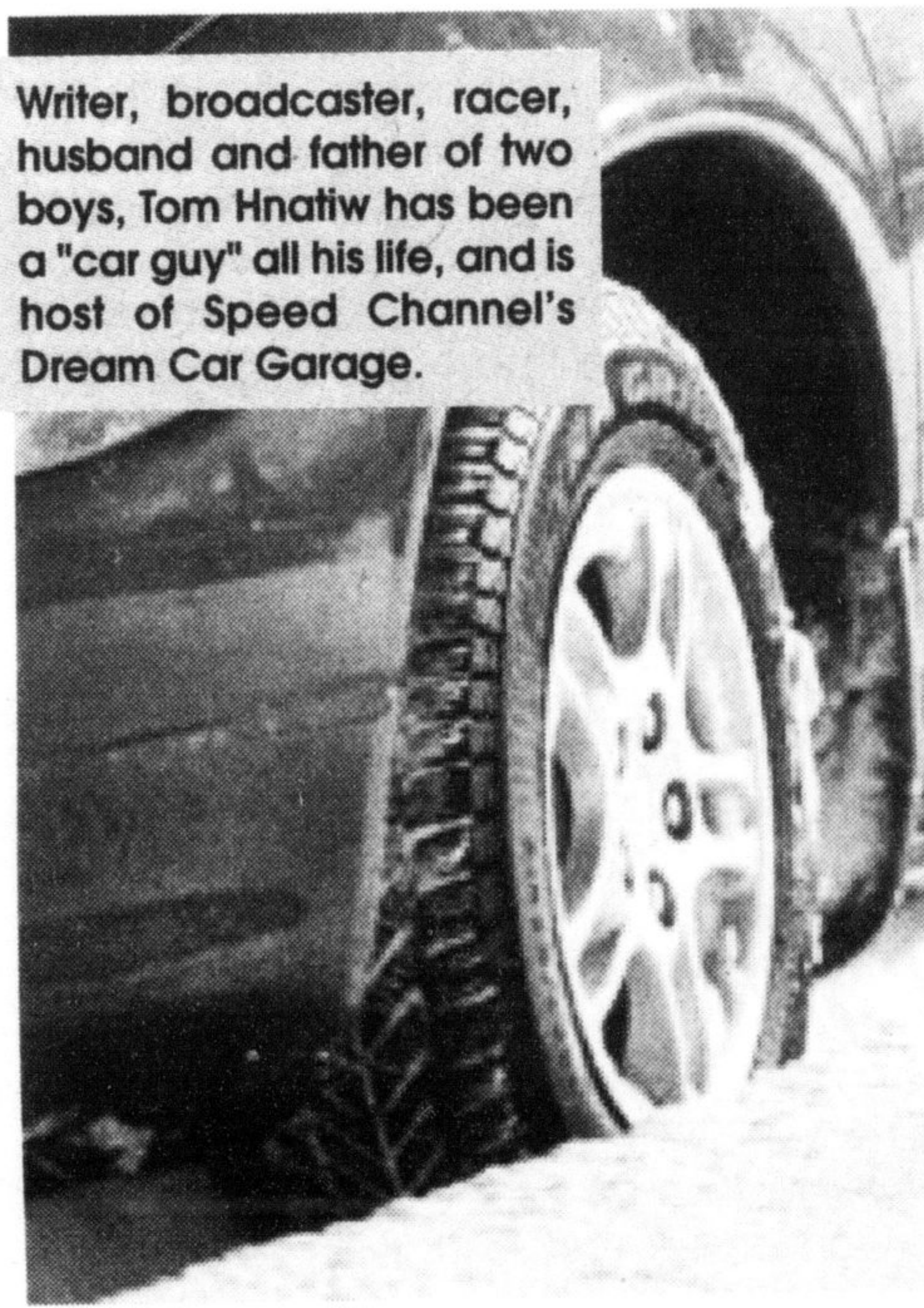
(NC)—Safety is tops on Canadian's lists when choosing a tire. The good news: it is virtually impossible to buy a really bad tire today. Industry regulations and standards eliminated that years ago. If safety is a high priority for your next tire purchase, here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- The vehicle owner's manual lists the correct tire size for the vehicle. Downsizing a tire for price is a dangerous mistake. Tire size is key to safety and proper handling.
- Shopping for price doesn't mean compromising safety. Goodyear produces a wide spectrum of top-quality tires in a range of prices, whatever the season.
- Tire speed rating is very important for sporty or performance cars. The higher the rating, the more robust the construction of the tire. Dropping a speed rating on your replacement tires compromises your safety. An inferior tire may not stand up to the vigorous workout you've come to expect from your original equipment tires.
- The safest tire suits the driving conditions best. Tires are designed for long distances, high performance, ride and comfort, driving in rain, snow or a combination of all. Many Canadians habitually switch from all-season tires to snow

tires in the late fall and back again in the spring. A snow tire offers 25% improved traction over an all-season tire in deep snow. Choose the correct tire for your common driving conditions.

To make sure you're driving on the safest tires possible, visit the Goodyear dealer nearest you or, check out www.goodyear.ca

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