

Paralympic flag bearer in new ski film

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steam-cleaning business and skied at every opportunity. He sold the business last year and now works full-time for the Whistler

tourism authority.

He has six international podium finishes as a skier, including a bronze medal at the 1998 Paralympics in Nagano, Japan.

Mr. Ludbrook, who built

his own artificial foot for skiing, will compete in the downhill, giant slalom, super giant slalom and slalom events at Salt Lake City. CBC-TV has daily coverage of the Games from Saturday

through March 17.

"Mark has really been the team leader because of the respect he has gained from his teammates," Henry Wohler, Canada's chef de mission, told CP. "He is the

one who has contributed to the growth and development of the team."

His mother agrees.

"It's the icing on the cake for Mark," said Jennifer Ludbrook. "He's been so much a part of this movement and this will be his final games. He doesn't expect to win a medal this time, but who knows? He's just on top of the world right now."

The Ludbrooks are travelling from Island Lake to Salt Lake where they will hook up with other family members to cheer Mark on. Fortunately, they bought tickets in advance — the downhill is sold out.

Mark holds three Canadian disabled freestyle swimming records and captured three Paralympic swimming medals. He swam at the summer games in New York (1984), Seoul (1988), and Barcelona (1992).

Mr. Ludbrook also



MARK LUDBROOK: Former Island Lake resident now lives in Whistler, B.C.

appears in *Ski Bums*, a new feature-length documentary by Oscar-winning director John Zaritsky. The National Film Board of Canada production made its U.S. premiere in January at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

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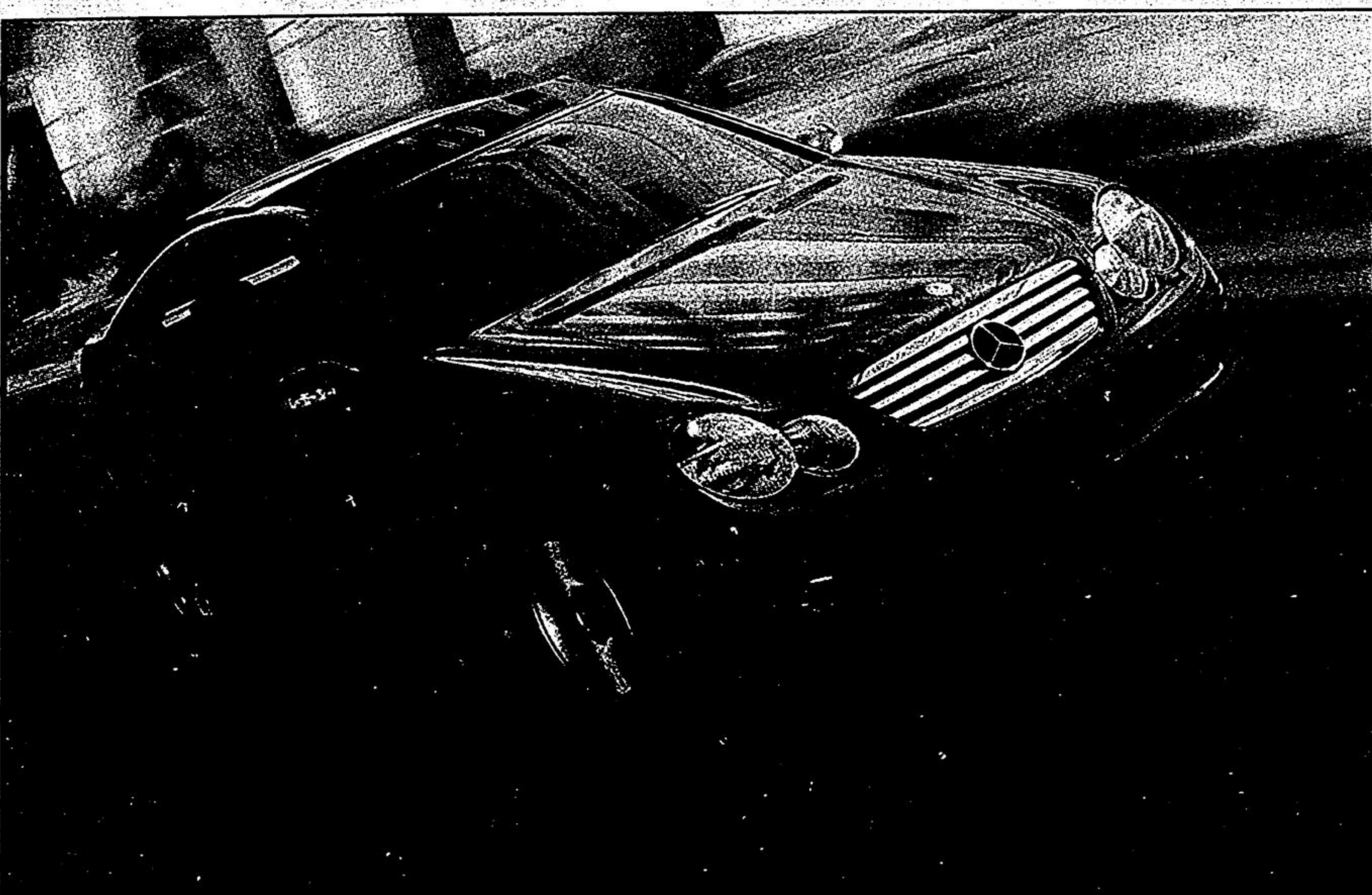
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