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FIGHTING BACK

OPP officer beating odds after ATV crash at cottage

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If ever there was a person to heed a warning from, it would be Peter Fraunberger.

For more than three decades, the police officer preached to anyone who would listen the value of wearing a helmet, whether it be on a bike, skateboard, snowmobile or ATV.

Mr. Fraunberger always took his own advice, except once, May 6, 2012.

Mr. Fraunberger and his wife Sheryl were up at their cottage just south of Parry Sound to prep it for the upcoming long weekend grand opening.

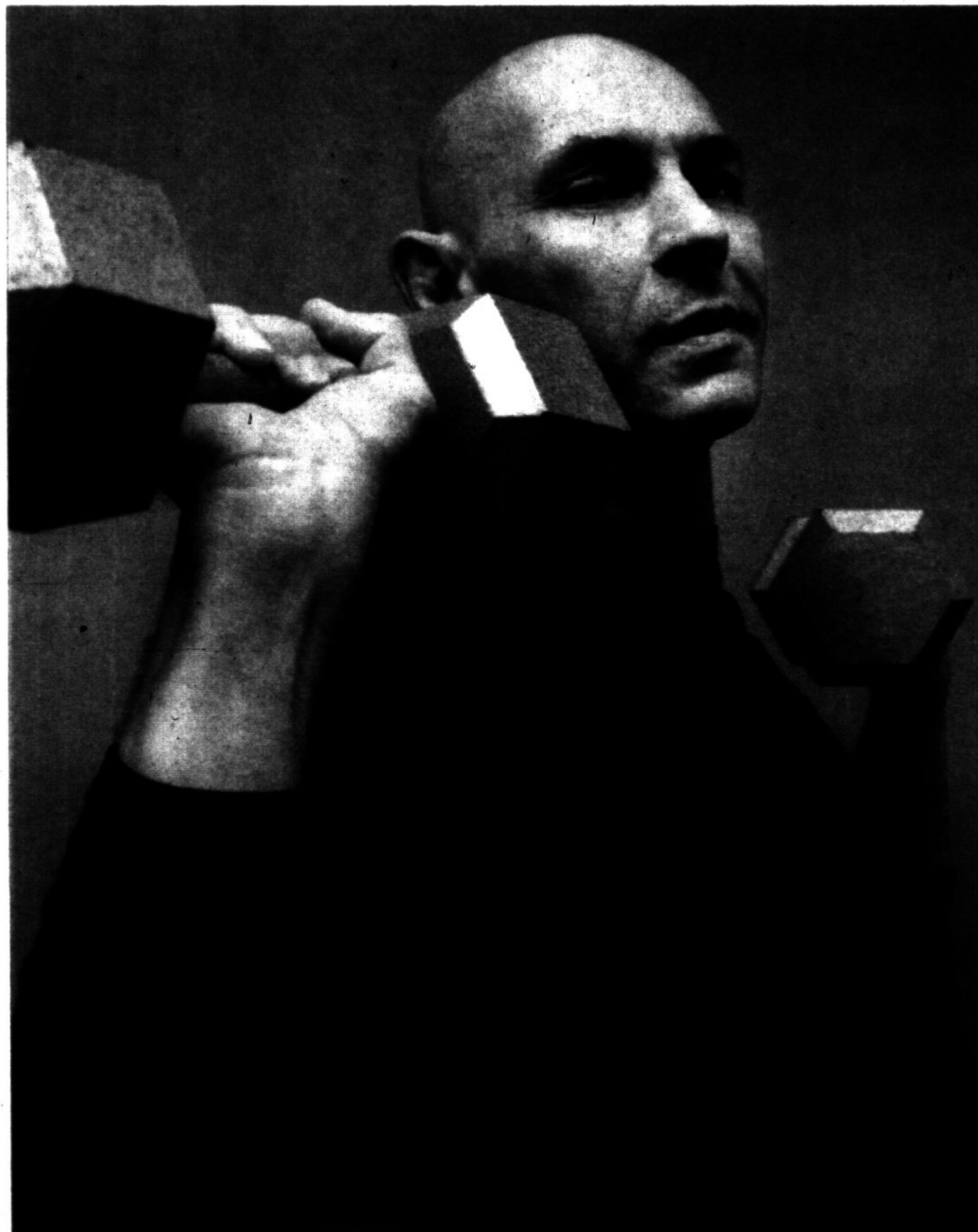
The pair just finished cutting down a tree and were getting ready to leave when Mr. Fraunberger, 56, suggested they take their ATV for a quick ride to the neighbour's place to tell them they were heading back home to Stouffville.

During the short round-trip, part of the road they were on gave way, the pair and the four-wheeler went down an eight-foot embankment.

The couple was catapulted into the air.

Mrs. Fraunberger, the passenger, flew over the handlebars landing on her back on the ground.

Mr. Fraunberger collided head-first



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Peter Fraunberger works out with weights at his Stouffville home this week, eight months after suffering serious injuries in an ATV crash at his family's cottage near Parry Sound. He hopes to return to work as an OPP officer.

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LEARNING

School's out Friday

Elementary teachers protesting, York board closing schools

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Line up your babysitters now: elementary teachers across the province plan to walk off the job Friday.

The largest teachers federation in Ontario is planning a provincewide day of protest tomorrow.

York Region's public school board has announced it will close all elementary schools to students on that day; transportation services will also be cancelled.

David Clegg, head of York Region's Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, confirmed teachers will be on the picket line with a full withdrawal of service from public elementary schools.

Education Minister Laurel Broten has said any walkout during school hours would be illegal, as teachers have had a contract imposed on them through Bill 115.

But Mr. Clegg said his union is confident it is on the right side of the law. A similar two-week strike in 1997 was challenged by former premier Mike Harris and the courts ruled in

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