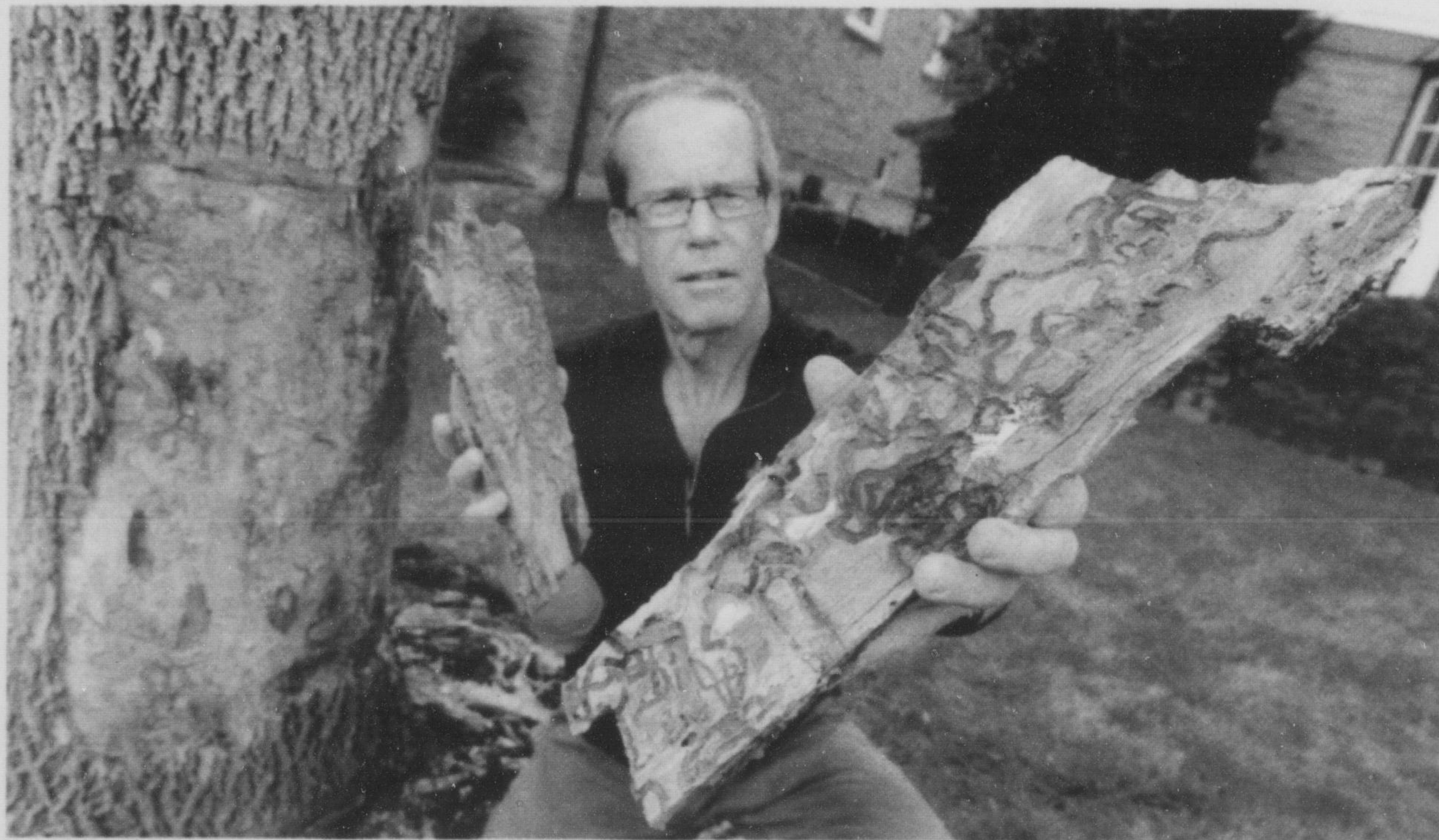


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Tree infested with emerald ash borer

Arborist Greg Hill discovered an emerald ash borer infestation in an ash tree in the front yard of a Syer Drive home. The tree was cut down yesterday. See story on page 3. *Graham Paine / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter@halton_photog)*

Two-year countdown to Games celebrated

By Steve LeBlanc
 CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Curt Harnett's racing heyday may be in his rearview mirror, but he wasn't about to miss an opportunity for a little good-natured trash talk before jumping on his bike Wednesday night. "This is a parade, not a race. But I'm still going to kick your butts," quipped the three-time medalist in Olympic track cycling. "Hey, I'm still a competitor." That light-hearted remark came just moments before he and numerous dignitaries and mem-

bers of the public — both young and old — donned their helmets and headed out for a celebratory circuit ride around Town Hall to mark the two-year countdown to the cycling portion of the 2015 Pan Am /Parapan Am Games (TO2015). Milton did so alongside nine other communities across southern Ontario that'll collectively serve as the host for the international showcase. The emcee for Wednesday night's festivities, Harnett said it has long been his dream to have a world-class velodrome — like the one

Heat alert issued

Environment Canada has issued a heat alert for Halton for the next several days, as temperatures (with the humidity factored in) are expected to reach the low 40s. Those especially at risk during heat and smog-related weather conditions include older adults, infants and young children and those with chronic heart or lung disease, including asthma. Residents are urged to stay out of the hot sun as much as possible. For a list of cooling centres, visit www.halton.ca/heatalert.



Bursary recipient

Alexandria Milton is this year's recipient of the Chris Hadfield Bursary. See story in Community on page 8.

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