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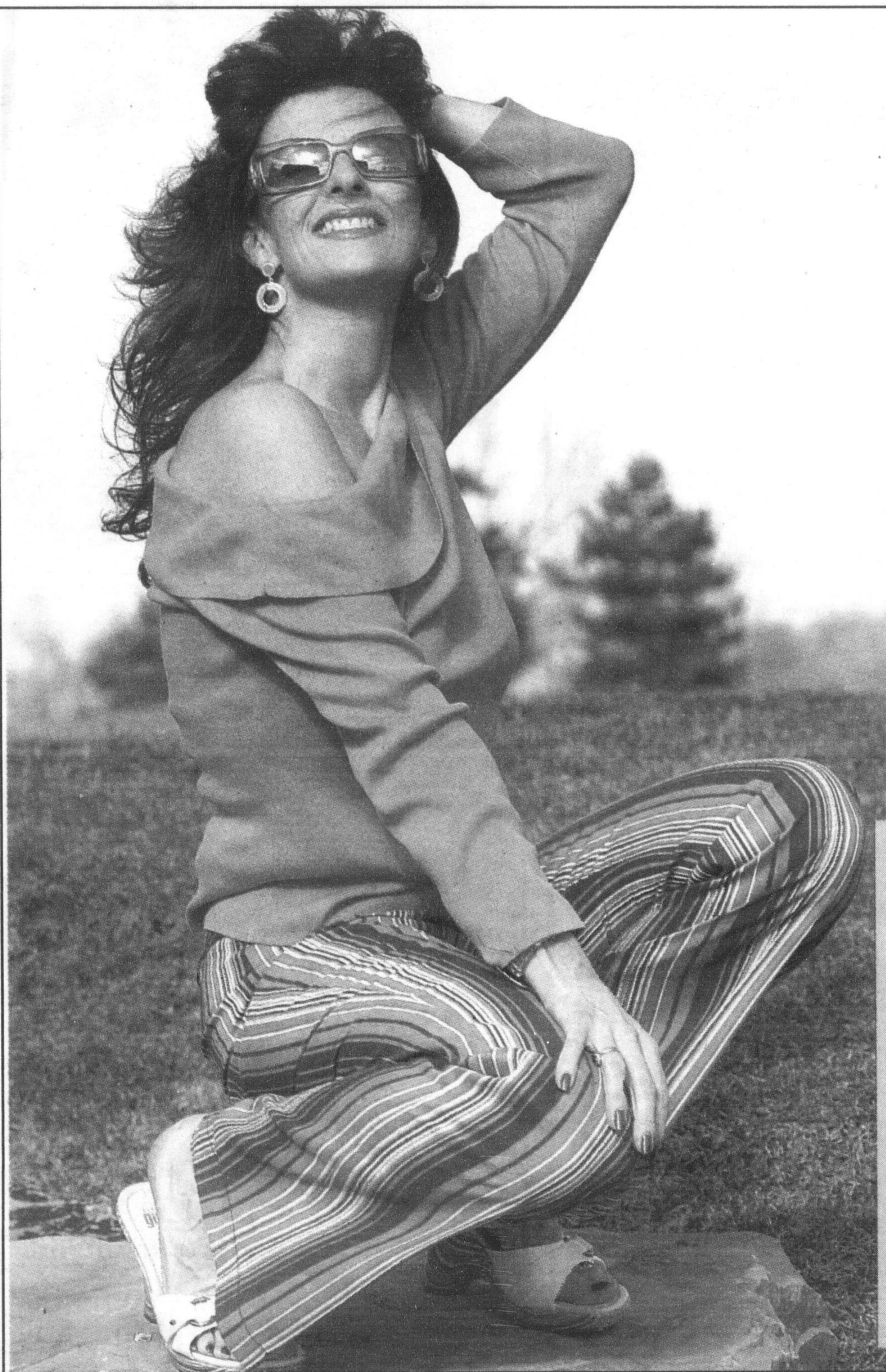
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Residents feel duped in subdivision design

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Residents living in the Bristol Survey east of the core are crying foul, alleging they were misled by a developer that a big conservation area-like pond was going to be built nearby.

At last week's planning and administration meeting, Town staff unveiled a residential development proposal that would see between 233 and 280 homes and 52 townhouses built on 15.2 hectares of land at the mostly-empty northwest corner of Fourth Line and Derry Road.

Also, a block of land is proposed to have commercial/business uses.

The property, which is owned by three different landowners, would require a zoning amendment to permit the development.

Committee members didn't vote on the proposal because it still must undergo a technical review from Town staff. That could be completed by late summer.

But residents who live near the land in question attended the meeting to hear the plans because they say they were told something different.

Ligia Van Rosi, who lives on the corner of Fourth Line and Evans Terrace, was the only resident who spoke to the committee, but a half-dozen more expressed their anger to The Champion outside of Council Chambers.

Ms Van Rosi told the committee developer Mattamy Homes — the main builder in the Bristol Survey — informed her a large pond would be built on land it didn't own.

"The whole area would be a man-made lake with forests and park trails," she said, noting she has lived at her house since June, 2001. "That means what we were informed by Mattamy was false."

Calls by The Champion to Mattamy Homes weren't returned.

Shane Kean and his wife, Kristen, said they feel duped by what Mattamy told them when they bought their Fourth Line house in June, 2002.

"The value of our house isn't going to be what we expected," Mr. Kean said.

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✓ Pretty in pink

Model Jane Roberts-Long is dressed in this spring's hottest colour, pink, during a fundraising fashion show presented by Studio 49 Sunday at Granite Ridge Golf Club for breast cancer research. The Sixth Annual Spring and Summer Fashion Show and Luncheon attracted more than 200 people. See more photos from the event on page 2.

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