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Feder enters local land-use arena

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Judy Feder brought her congressional campaign to the heart of local land-use issues by convening a "Town Hall Meeting on Smart Growth" in Dulles South last week, where she promised to

make local land-use and transportation issues a federal responsibility.

"Most land-use and planning issues are state and local issues," she said, "but the federal government drives the economy in this region" and "it is time for Congress, for our federal government, to recognize its obligation

... to (help localities) make smart choices and to keep livable the communities we call home."

She pledged, if elected to the 10th District seat now held by Congressman Frank Wolf, to "give communities the resources to plan for smart growth rather than leave them at the mercy of developers."

She would also require, she pledged, that federal transportation dollars "be spent on projects that will actually reduce traffic," such as mass transit improvements that would take cars off roads.

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Our 1st, and 38th, anniversaries

With this issue the Easterner celebrates its first full year of operation under its new ownership.

The Easterner, published by the late Beth Miller for 37 years, was purchased from the Miller estate by Landmark Community Newspapers Inc. on Aug.

31, of last year, and Craig Bohrer was named publisher at that time. I became editor Oct. 17.

We have continued the Easterner's focus on eastern Loudoun County. We seek to be your best source of news and information and events going on in your neighborhoods, as well as information that directly affects you, the readers, here in eastern Loudoun. This was Beth Miller's focus and it is ours.

As you see, this issue also introduces a redesign for the Easterner. Any redesign takes a bit of getting used to, but we believe that you will find our pages easier to read now.

The Easterner continues to serve the more than 64,000



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Casey**
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Bird Bowl 2006



Easterner photo/Ben Ledbetter

Members of Briar Wood's varsity football team celebrate after defeating Freedom 7-6.
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Sen. Allen co-sponsors anti-gang bill

U.S. Sen. George Allen (R-Va.) is co-sponsoring legislation to combat gang activity, his office announced. Senate Bill S. 155, the Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act of 2005, would expand punishment for membership in, or furtherance of, gang activity, and authorizes increased personnel for federal law enforcement agencies that are battling gangs.

"Throughout all my years of public service, I have advocated providing law enforcement officers with the tools they need to crack down on criminals and now combating violent gangs that threaten our schools and neighbor

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