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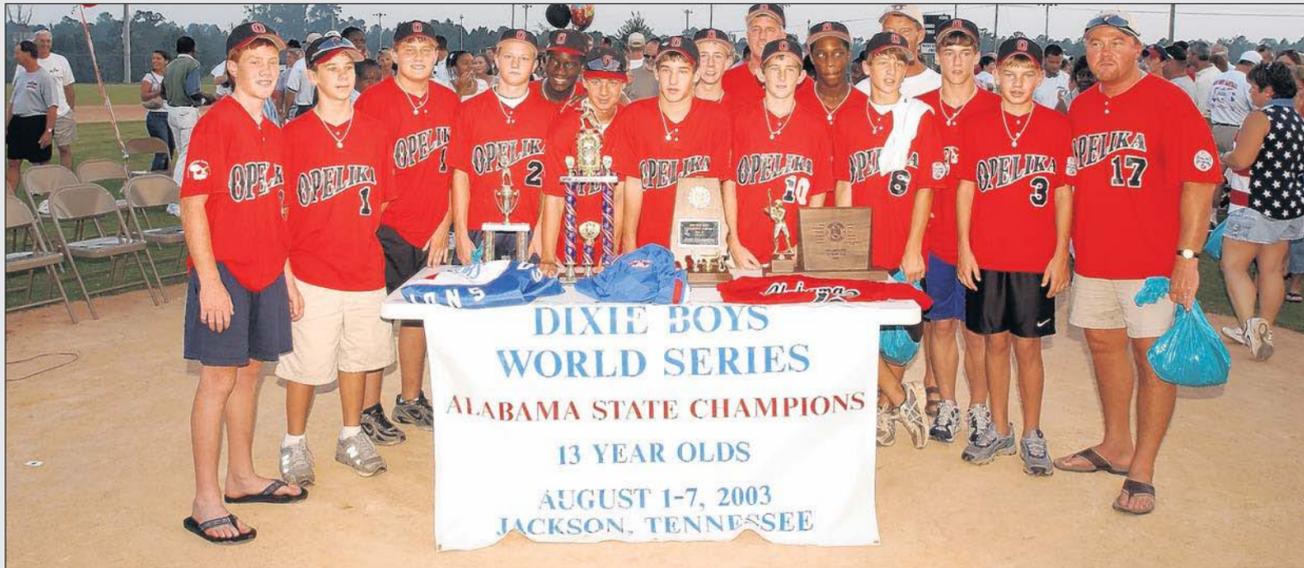
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THE WAY THEY WERE

In the late summer of 2003, a group of local youngsters went off to Jackson, Tenn., and claimed the Dixie Boys World Series title. Today, a core group from that team begins another quest. They and their teammates at Opelika High School open their bid for a state championship.

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Potential Smiths High site found

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Lee County Schools may have found the site for its new Smiths Station High School.

Negotiations are under way to acquire a 111-acre plot of land off of County Road 430 for the new High School, Lee County Superintendent Dr. Stephen Nowlin said.

"(We have) already started negotiations pending good environmental," he said.

The land was formerly known as the Jones Airport Property and is located 1.5 miles southeast of Smiths Station Elementary School, he said.

Environmental tests on the land are under way, Nowlin said, and, pending any setbacks, a contract will be presented to the Lee County Board of Education in May.

The board would have to approve the contract and the price, which is still being negotiated, he said.

The pending tests are checking for soil pollution, checking soil support, checking the moisture of the soil and determining the specific type of soil, the superintendent said.

The former airport property is relatively flat, and there are not a lot of steep areas, he said.

Architects will start with some preliminary drawings for the school the week of April 28.

The number and size of classrooms, kinds of programs — for example drama and music — needed, the number of computer stations and establishing where playing fields may lie are a few of the items architects will work on, he said.

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Outstanding Omelets

If you mess it up, don't worry ...

'It's just an egg. Don't cry. Keep trying.'

Andrew Melton, assistant to the chef at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

House asks Rove about Siegelman

BEN EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee on Thursday asked former White House adviser Karl Rove to testify about claims that he influenced a federal corruption case against former Democratic Gov. Don Siegelman of Alabama.

The committee asked Rove to appear under oath as soon as possible. The panel also wants the Justice Department's inspector general to investigate allegations that political motivations drove the Siegelman case and several other federal prosecutions during the Bush administration.

Rove has denied any involvement in the Siegelman prosecution. His attorney told MSNBC earlier this month that Rove would be willing to testify on the matter.

In a lengthy report on

possible "selective prosecution," the committee also cited cases against Pennsylvania coroner Cyril Wecht and Wisconsin state procurement official Georgia Thompson as ripe for review. A judge recently declared a mistrial in the Wecht case, and a conviction against Thompson was overturned last year.

Criticizing new Attorney General Michael Mukasey, Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich., said evidence presented thus far threatens to undermine public faith in the judicial system.

"It is clear at a minimum that current and former department leadership has been derelict in failing to review these matters and reassure the American people that federal law enforcement is impartial and fair," Conyers and other lawmakers wrote in a letter to Justice.

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Caroline Hargreaves, 10, of Atlanta listens to the heartbeat of Sugar with the help of vet school student Chris Smith at the 2007 Auburn University Vet School open house.

AU Vet school hosts open house

Event designed to attract new students to college

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The open house at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine is a chance to be like Dr. Doolittle.

Everyone is invited to talk to the animals

at the vet school campus on Wire Road Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If the animals don't do much talking, there will be plenty of aspiring veterinarians on hand to share their expertise.

The 31st annual event will include tours, scientific displays, a canine parade of breeds, equine parade of breeds, a petting zoo, police canine unit demonstration, raptor shows from the Southeastern Raptor Center and sheep herding.

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