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## TIGER ON THE PROWL

The best of Tiger Woods came out Friday when his game was falling apart at the AT&T National.  
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## Shooting victims buried; search for suspect continues

**MICHAEL ABRAMOWITZ**  
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**RICHARDSON**

Two men killed outside a downtown nightclub were buried Friday while the man Greenville police say is the shooter remained at large.

Greenville native and former professional basketball player James Earl Richardson

an East Carolina University

is wanted by police for the shooting deaths of Andrew Kirby, 29, a downtown restaurant manager, and Landon Blackley, 21, a student.

Funeral services for Blackley were held in his hometown of Oxford. Kirby's funeral was held in his hometown of Kenly.

Stephanie Kirby, a cousin of Andrew Kirby from Morrisville, said the family is in shock as they mourn his death.

"You don't expect anything

like this to ever happen to anyone you know, especially not your family," Kirby said.

She described Drew as "an amazing person, always happy and encouraging of others."

She last saw him on Father's Day at a family gathering, she said. Drew Kirby showed off a new fishing boat he had recently purchased.

"It's really heartening to know he touched so many lives in Greenville and that people got to know him as the happy hopeful person that he was," Stephanie Kirby said in reference to the Facebook postings she has read about her cousin.

Richardson is believed to be armed and dangerous, ac-

ording to a poster issued by the police department that offers a \$10,000 reward for his capture. He has relatives and other contacts in Atlanta, Raleigh, Durham, Charlotte and Greensboro, according to the police.

A police investigation iden-

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## Celebrating a championship



PHOTOS BY JENNI FARROW/THE DAILY REFLECTOR

**JARMAN AUTO SALES** celebrates winning the Greenville Little Leagues city championship on Friday night at Elm Street Park. Jarman defeated Kiwanis 11-6 in the decisive Game 3.

## Jarman downs Kiwanis to win Little Leagues title

It's not the World Series, but don't try to convince the members of Jarman Auto Sales that Friday night's win isn't as big.

Behind two home runs by Travious Ford, Jarman took the decisive Game 3 over Kiwanis 11-6 to win the Greenville Little Leagues City Championship.

Jarman jumped out to an early lead, but Kiwanis was not about to hand them the

title, fighting back valiantly. But in the end it was Jarman celebrating the championship on a balmy evening at Elm Street Park.

C.J. Coombs picked up the win, striking out four and only allowing three Kiwanis hits.

For complete details on Jarman's win in the Greenville Little League city championship game, go to Sports C1.



**CARRIE HARGROVE** cheers on her son, Courtland, and the rest of the Jarman Auto Sales team on Friday.

## Local group bucks up for celebration

The nation's economic downturn leaves the Greenville Jaycees as the sole source of funding for Fourth of July events.

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Even without a corporate sponsor, the Greenville Jaycees' Fourth of July festivities will be a fun-packed event, an event organizer said.

A host of activities are planned not just in Greenville, but throughout eastern North Carolina.

The Jaycees are the sole source of funding of this year's event, said Tasha Laughbaum, planning committee chairwoman. The nation's economic downturn, especially in the automobile industry, left previous sponsors unable to make a financial commitment.

"We were willing to step up to the plate and wanted to keep (the celebration) the same," Laughbaum said. "We've done this so many years, we don't want to take a step back."

The organization still needs \$4,500 to offset this year's costs. Donation jars will be set up at the Jaycee tent and the Pepsi stalls operated by the Jaycees, Laughbaum said. Proceeds from the purchase of glow necklaces also fund the event, she said.

Today's events begin at 4 p.m. An inflatable slide and

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### IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE TOWN COMMON

- No animals will be allowed on the Town Common.
- The fireworks are scheduled to begin at approximately 9:15 p.m.
- First Street in front of the Town Common will be closed to all vehicle traffic until all pedestrian traffic has cleared.
- The Greene Street Bridge will be closed to all traffic (vehicles and pedestrians) at 9 p.m. All traffic will be diverted back to South Pitt Street. Vehicles will not be allowed to travel north until the conclusion of the fireworks.
- The bridge will be reopened at the conclusion of the fireworks display. The show will not begin until the bridge is cleared of all pedestrians and vehicles.
- Pedestrian traffic crossing the bridge should remain on the sidewalk at all times to accommodate vehicle traffic leaving the event.

#### Parking

- Try to park near Greene Street if you need to leave to the north (across the river).
- Try to park near Evans Street, Cotanche Street or Washington Street if you need to leave to the south.
- Parking areas near the Town Common will fill early. Many areas will be blocked off for activities.

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### QUICK READ

## Drug in Jackson's home

LOS ANGELES — The powerful sedative Diprivan was found in Michael Jackson's home, a law enforcement official said Friday as the city planned for a massive crowd at the singer's memorial service.

Diprivan is an anesthetic widely used in operating rooms to induce unconsciousness. Also known as Propofol, it's given intravenously and is very unusual to have in a private home.

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## Palin announces resignation as Alaska governor

BY RACHEL D'ORO  
The Associated Press

WASILLA, Alaska — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin surprised supporters Friday and announced she is resigning from office at the end of the month without explaining why she plans to step down — throwing into question whether she would seek a run for the White House in 2012.



**PALIN**

by two other 2012 presidential prospects, Nevada Sen. John Ensign and South Carolina

Gov. Mark Sanford.

Palin hastily called a news conference Friday morning at her home in suburban Wasilla, giving such short notice that only a few reporters actually made it to the announcement. Security blocked late-arriving media outside her home, and her spokesman, Dave Murrow, finally emerged to confirm that Palin will step down July 26. He refused to give details about the

governor's future plans.

The former Republican vice presidential candidate said she had been considering leaving office since she decided not to run for re-election.

"Many just accept that lame duck status, and they hit that road. They draw a paycheck. They kind of milk it. And I'm not going to put Alaskans

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### BEAUTIFUL

Highs about 92; plenty of sunshine



### STOCK MARKET

The stock market was closed on Friday in observance of Independence Day.



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