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**GLENDALE'S FESTIVAL OF CHOCOLATE AND
ROMANCE WILL BE AN AFFAIRE TO REMEMBER**

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Historic Downtown Glendale will be a chocolate lover's paradise Feb. 2-4 as the 12th annual *Glendale Chocolate Affaire* presented by SRP, celebrates with music, romance and an abundance of that sinfully delicious confection.

Chocoholics will delight in the nearly 40 chocolate purveyors, discovering everything from chocolate-covered cheesecake to chocolate pizzas to chocolate crepes. The Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Arizona's famous candy makers, Cerreta's. The candy factory will offer tours all weekend, and they've donated the state's largest chocolate Valentine heart, which will be raffled to support the Glendale Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission.

So, what goes better with chocolate than romance? The festival has become the largest gathering of national romance novelists in the Southwest. This symposium of literary romantics is sponsored by Waldenbooks and offers fans the opportunity to get up close and personal with authors, as well as the chance to attend free writing workshops given by the experts.

In addition, live entertainment will please crowds and special happy hours featuring light rock bands will happen both Friday and Saturday between 5 and 9 p.m.

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Families with children will enjoy a myriad of activities, including hands-on arts and crafts, face-painting and a rock-climbing wall. Horse-drawn carriage rides will be available throughout the weekend to take couples or families on a scenic, charming ride through the historic Catlin Court district.

Event hours are Friday 5-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues. There are nearly 2,000 free parking spaces located in and around the downtown area, and Murphy Park is handicap-accessible.

The *Glendale Chocolate Affaire* festival was recently listed in the Top 100 Events in North America by the Washington Post, the Seattle Times and the American Bus Association. The event also was bestowed with the 2003 Governor's Tourism Award for the Best Special Event in Arizona.

For more information on the *Glendale Chocolate Affaire*, including the entertainment lineup and a list of authors making appearances, visit our Web site at www.glendaleaz.com/events or call our special events hotline at (623) 930-2299.

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