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

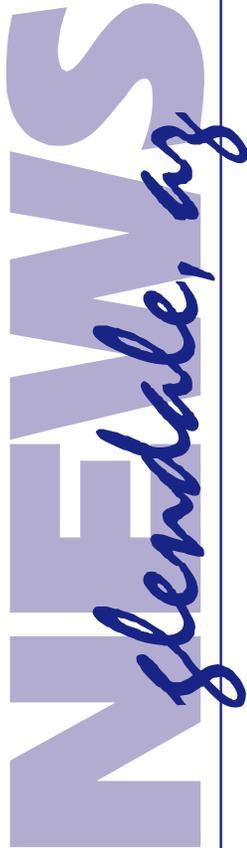
**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Historic Downtown Glendale will be a chocolate lover's paradise Feb. 6-8, as the 14<sup>th</sup> annual *Glendale Chocolate Affaire* celebrates with music, romance and an abundance of that sinfully delicious confection, as well as free admission and free parking!

Chocoholics will delight in the three dozen chocolate purveyors, discovering everything from chocolate-covered potato chips to chocolate chile pecans to goat milk fudge.

The Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Arizona's famous candy makers, Cerreta's. The candy factory will offer tours all weekend, so visitors can get a behind-the-scenes look at how the chocolatiers create everyone's favorite candy.

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 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.

Families with children will enjoy myriad 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.



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Event hours are Friday 5 - 10 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m. The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58<sup>th</sup> 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 named one of 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](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events) or call our special events hotline at (623) 930-2299.

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