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GLENDALE GLITTERS WINS CRITICS' CHOICE IN AZCENTRAL.COM'S BEST COMPETITION

GLENDALE, Ariz. – One of Glendale's signature festivals that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to the city's downtown has been recognized as the Valley's best by one of the state's top online news services.

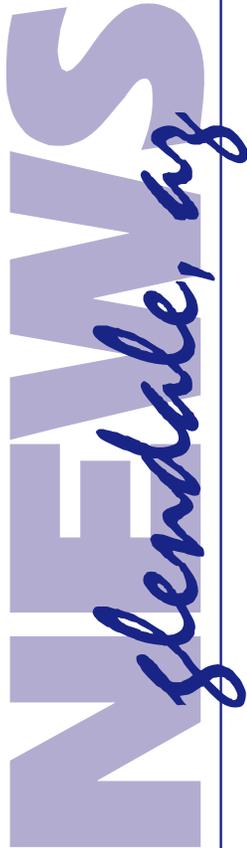
Glendale Glitters, which received the Critics' Choice for the Best Festival in the Valley, kicks off a month-long series of holiday-themed events the day after Thanksgiving and runs through mid-January. The critics say, "Whether you want to relive memories, do some Christmas shopping...or just marvel at over 1 million Christmas lights, Glendale Glitters is the place to go."

"Glendale competed against the top festivals in one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country," said Jerry McCoy, Glendale's deputy director of Marketing/Communications. "Huge kudos go to our Office of Special Events staff and citywide events team for making this recognition possible!"

Glendale Glitters is the largest free holiday light display in Arizona.

Glendale adds this designation to a list of accolades the city has garnered over the last several years. The Glendale Chocolate Affaire has won numerous awards, including being named one of the top 100 events in North America by the *Washington Post*, the *Seattle Times* and the American Bus Association.

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The event also was bestowed with the 2003 Governor's Tourism Award for the Best Special Event in Arizona and the Best Fair/Festival by the Arizona Chapter of the International Special Events Society.

For more information on Glendale's events and festivals, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events or call 623-930-2299.

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