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## **GLENDALE CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE CELEBRATES RECORD ATTENDANCE, 400. LB HEART WINNER**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The *Glendale Chocolate Affaire* recorded its highest attendance ever this year, with 95,000 people in downtown Glendale for the popular event. The attendance figure marks a huge increase from 2006, which was 75,000.

Chocolate lovers were treated to more than three dozen chocolatiers selling various and sundry chocolate delights, as well as musical performances, romance novelists, activities for children and tours of Cerreta's Candy Company.

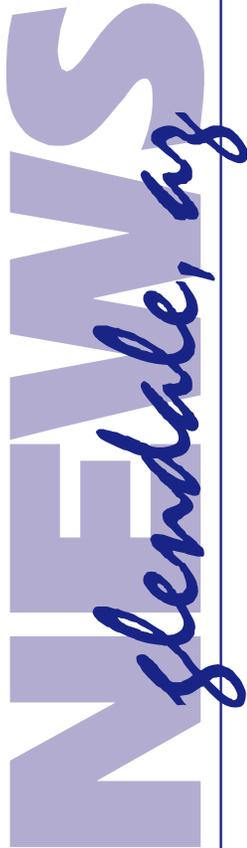
A big highlight of the event every year is the state's largest Chocolate heart, a 400-pound confection that is donated by Cerreta's to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission. The raffle raised just over \$3,000, which will go assist the student-led organization's community service projects.

The winner claiming the chocolate heart as his own was Jesus Avalos, an Independence High School student. A second-prize winner in the raffle was ASU student Aja Calhoun.

The city's next festival, the 24<sup>th</sup> annual *Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival*, will take place in downtown Glendale April 14-15. For more information, visit

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