

## APRIL

### FILM FESTIVAL DE SANTA FE

April 25-29

**Santa Fe, N.M.**—He who laughs first will probably be at this festival. The theme this year is "America Laughs: Comedy in Film," and about 30 films (old, new, and avant-garde) will be screened at three area theaters. Tickets are \$5 to \$25; students get a discount. Call 505-989-7430.

## MAY

### CINCO DE MAYO

May 5-6

**Grand Prairie, Tex.**—During this fiesta celebrating Mexican independence, Grand Prairie's Traders Village takes on the flavor of a cantina at carnival. More than 70,000 revelers come to sample Latin cuisine, listen to mariachi bands, and watch *folklorico* dancers. Call 214-647-2331.

### COLLECTION '90

May 15-17

**Providence, R.I.**—A coat of many shoelaces turned up here last year, and so did a dress made of rattan (palm stems). But garments made of funky materials are only part of this showcase of clothing creations by Rhode Island School of Design students. Fashion critics pick the best 150 designs, which are then modeled in three shows. Tickets are \$20 to \$45 and go on sale in early April. Call 401-331-3511.



The Kinetic Sculpture Race: Just when you thought it was safe to get back on the streets.

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS-COUNTRY KINETIC SCULPTURE RACE

May 26-28

**Arcata, Calif.**—In this 36-mile, three-day race from Arcata to Ferndale, the 50 to 100 homemade entries can be fueled only by people power (although sails are allowed). On their way to the finish line, the vehicles—mostly built from lawn-mower and bike parts—must cross sand dunes, a river, and a bay. Call 707-725-3851.

## JUNE

### U.S.A. INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION

June 17-July 1

**Jackson, Miss.**—This Olympic-style competition comes to the U.S. only once every four years, always in Jackson. Dancers from as many as 23 countries vie for medals, and winners perform in an exhibition gala (Baryshnikov was a past winner). Tickets are \$4 to \$55 and disappear quickly. Call 601-355-9853.

### GRANDMA'S MARATHON

June 23

**Duluth, Minn.**—This run, named after Grandma's Saloon and Deli (see p. 61), drew more than 3,700 runners and 60,000 spectators last year. This year, the numbers should only get bigger because the Women's National Marathon Championships will be run at the same time. Afterward, everyone ends up at Canal Park for hot dogs, beer, and music by Milwaukee's Boos Brothers band. Call 218-727-0947.

## JULY

### STATEHOOD CELEBRATIONS

July

**Boise, Idaho, and Cheyenne, Wyo.**—Both these states are celebrating their centennials with events throughout the year. Idaho's major bash is July 2 to 4, with the state's largest fireworks display, parades, and music. Call 208-345-1990. Wyoming's biggest celebration, which runs throughout July, includes a folk festival and Frontier Days, the country's biggest rodeo. Call 307-777-5844.

### HEMINGWAY DAYS

July 16-22

**Key West, Fla.**—This festival on Papa's favorite island goes all out to celebrate the author's birthday. Included are a street festival, calypso music, a Hemingway look-alike contest, a literary seminar, and specials at the author's old watering holes. And on his actual birthdate (July 21), there's a party at Hemingway's Home and Museum. Call 305-294-4440.

### PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME FESTIVAL

July 27-August 4

**Canton, Ohio**—Take more than a passing glance at football greats past and present at this weeklong festival. Along with the induction ceremony, there will be a Ribs Burn-Off and a parade honoring this year's inductees. At the Annual Hall of Fame Game, the Chicago Bears and Denver Broncos will battle it out. Tickets are \$6 to \$13. Call 216-456-7253.

## AUGUST

### OMAK STAMPEDE AND WORLD-FAMOUS SUICIDE RACE

August 10-12

**Omak, Wash.**—The suicide race started as a Native American rite of passage. Today, 20 riders on horseback gallop 120 feet down an almost vertical bluff, across a river, and to the finish line a quarter-mile away. Races are held four times a day; tickets are \$4 to \$10. You also can check out a rodeo and an Indian encampment. Call 509-826-1002.



Bucking for a trophy at Cheyenne's Frontier Days, the country's largest rodeo.

### LOUISVILLE BLUEGRASS AND AMERICAN MUSIC FEST

August 31-September 3

**Louisville, Ky.**—Listen to everything from blues to bluegrass at the country's largest free music festival. As many as 150,000 people spread out at Riverfront Plaza to hear local, regional, and national talent like Elvin Bishop and Emmylou Harris perform. Discount travel packages are available. Call 502-896-2135.

## SEPTEMBER

### AYDEN COLLARD FESTIVAL

September 4-8

**Ayden, N.C.**—Ayden stinks to high heaven with the smell of cooking collard greens during this festival honoring the vegetable (it's kin to turnip greens). Don't miss the collard-eating contest, in which as many as 15 hardy souls try to break the world's record of 7½ pounds. Call 919-746-2270. —J. C.



Hemingway Daze: Will the real Ernest Hemingway please step forward!