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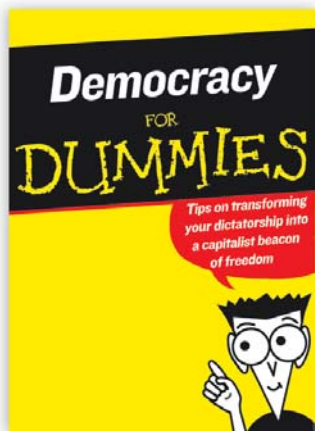
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## Cuyahoga County jail is so crowded inmates are shipped elsewhere

# Slow justice costs millions

*"I knew I'd see someone from work. Why did it have to be you?"*

An unidentified woman at the photo shoot



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This Spencer Tunick shot had more than 2,700 men and women facing south on East Ninth Street. The order was simple: Lie down and look serious.

## 2,754 gather for nude photo shoot

MICHAEL HEATON  
Plain Dealer Reporter

Tall and short. Fat and thin. Old and young. Hairy and smooth. Black, white, brown and yellow.

They came. They stripped. And they were photographed.

Saturday between 4 and 8:30 a.m., 2,754 art lovers shed their clothes to be part of one of New York artist Spencer Tunick's installations. They set the North American record for the largest number of naked people in a photograph.

Montreal held the previous record with 2,500.

A year ago in Barcelona, Spain, about 7,000 people set the world re-

cord for one of his shoots.

Despite chilly conditions at Voinovich Bicentennial Park behind the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum (the temperature never rose above 57 degrees), subjects for the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland-sponsored project remained in good cheer.

Humor, mutual respect and cooperation characterized the four-hour session. Tunick photographed three different "setups" as the sun rose over the

Steamship William G. Mather Maritime Museum. For one of the first shots, he posed the crowd members lying on their sides with their backs to the lake and facing the city.

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"That's the best picture I've ever taken," artist-photographer Spencer Tunick said after directing his "setup" by the lakefront early Saturday.

### Highlights

■ Sluggish system jams jail, costs millions.

■ Poor suspects most likely to suffer.

■ Slowest judges say fairness trumps speed.

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Cuyahoga County's court system is wasting millions of dollars a year in unnecessary jail costs by making thousands of inmates wait months to be indicted or brought to trial.

The county's grand jury system typically takes two to six weeks longer to return indictments than those in Ohio's other urban counties, running up as much as \$2 million worth of extra jail costs a year.

The trek through the courthouse is further slowed by several of the county's 33 trial judges, who routinely take twice as long as some of their colleagues to resolve criminal cases, adding to a costly backlog of jail inmates.

Court and jail records show that the county's slowest five judges alone have accounted for nearly 200,000 more inmate jail days over the past four years than their quickest five colleagues.

At \$51 a day — the price Cuyahoga County has been paying to house overflow prisoners elsewhere — that quickly adds up to real money.

In fact, the county sheriff has spent nearly \$18 million since 2000 to rent space in other county jails for prisoners he couldn't fit here.

During that same period, a Plain Dealer analysis shows, nearly half the felony cases filed in the county took six months or more from arrest to final disposition — despite recommendations of the American Bar Association that only 2 percent of cases should take that long. One Cuyahoga County case in 10 takes a year or longer.

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## Unfazed Bush sees a thaw amid protests

ELISABETH BUMILLER  
New York Times

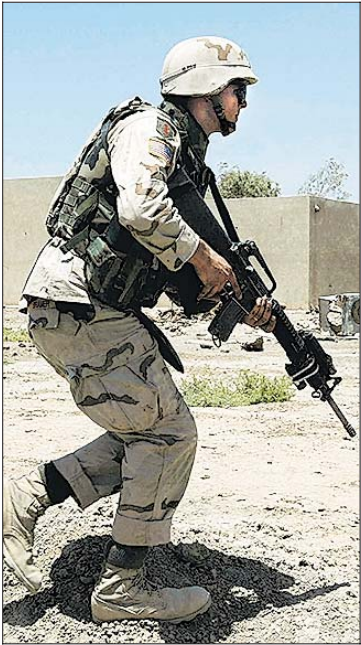
NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS, IRELAND — President Bush said Saturday that the "bitter differences" between the United States and Europe over the war in Iraq were over and that NATO had a responsibility to help Iraqis with their own security.

But as Bush spoke at an outdoor joint news conference here with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland and Romano Prodi, the president of the European Union, anti-war protesters blocked at least one of the main roads leading to Dromoland Castle, a 16th-century Renaissance fortress turned luxury resort where Bush is staying.

The protesters delayed the start of the news conference by half an hour.

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### CHANGE IN IRAQ



JOAO SILVA | THE NEW YORK TIMES

The role of U.S. soldiers, such as this one patrolling Saturday in Baqouba, Iraq, will change following the transfer of power this week. A look at the shift in power, A14.

## Ohio campaign a struggle for both Bush and Kerry

Each organization has liabilities to overcome

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COLUMBUS — When John Kerry campaigns in Ohio, he is shackled by a state Democratic Party that hasn't won a statewide nonjudicial election since 1992.

When President Bush visits the Buckeye State, he doesn't have the luxury of a popular governor to stimulate the electorate.

He also faces an economy that won't quit generating bad headlines.

Both campaigns play down their liabilities, and both claim to have the assets to overcome them.

Bush can depend on a well-organized and well-funded state Republican Party, one that controls every state executive office as well as both chambers of the Ohio legislature.

Kerry, the presumptive Democratic nominee, is supported by an unprece-

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dented array of independent political groups, as well as the political organizations of Democratic mayors across Ohio.

The stakes are high and the battle is already intense. Both campaigns see the state as pivotal — and winnable.

"We're getting the full set of campaign tactics here in Ohio," said Herb Asher, professor emeritus of political science at Ohio State University.

"We will probably see more commercials than any other state in the nation. We're going to see tremendous direct mail by both the parties and various interest groups."

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## Ohio virtually booming with cyberschools

SCOTT STEPHENS  
Plain Dealer Reporter

Ohio is leading the nation in cyberschools, and not just by a little.

It's a virtual rout.

The state has 41 cyberschools — schools in which students complete their coursework online using home computers.

Many more public school districts and private firms have applications pending, meaning that the number is likely to rise sharply this fall.

As school ended this year, more than 12,000 Ohio youngsters were receiving a taxpayer-funded education delivered with a keyboard and a mouse. The schools they were attending received more than \$61 million in state and local tax dollars.

This fall, another big player will trot onto that crowded field.

The 3,000-pupil Western Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School is crossing the border and setting up shop in East Liverpool.

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