



WAR OF THE WORLDS

2004

\$300,000

650+ JOBS

SPENT IN

NAUGATUCK

WATERBURY

WINDSOR

FILM ★ **TELEVISION** ★ **COMMERCIALS**



EVERYBODY WINS

1989

\$3,000,000

135+ JOBS

SPENT IN

NORWICH

WATERBURY

WATERFORD

WINDHAM



SLEEPERS

1995

\$2,000,000

200+ JOBS

SPENT IN

NEWTOWN

FILM ★ **TELEVISION** ★ **COMMERCIALS**



THE STEPFORD WIVES

2004

500+ JOBS

\$3,200,000

SPENT IN

DARIEN

GREENWICH

NEW CANAAN

NORWALK



MR. DEEDS
2002

\$900,000

90+ JOBS

SPENT IN
NEW MILFORD

FILM ★ **TELEVISION** ★ **COMMERCIALS**



MYSTIC PIZZA
1987

80+ JOBS

\$2,000,000

SPENT IN

GROTON
NEW LONDON
STONINGTON



MONA LISA SMILE

2003

\$150,000

300+ JOBS

SPENT IN
NEW HAVEN

FILM ★ **TELEVISION** ★ **COMMERCIALS**



AMISTAD

1997

\$1,500,000

500+ JOBS

SPENT IN

GROTON

STONINGTON

WATERFORD

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Battle Over Taxes

When It Comes
To Taxes, Sides
Certain To Collide

BY DAVID LIGHTMAN
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WASHINGTON — Connecticut
legislators will not only
help the state but will force cuts
in capital programs that help the
state's economy, but will force
cuts in social programs, such as
education, health care, and
social services.

Connecticut's Republican
majority in the House of Representatives
is likely to pass legislation
that will cut state spending by
\$1 billion over the next five years,
as well as reduce the state's
debt. The legislation also
includes a plan to raise the state's
sales tax from 7.5 percent to 8.25
percent.

The partisan divide over tax
cuts is a familiar one — the subject of
debate in the state legislature for
years. The House and Senate
have passed similar legislation
in the past, but it has never
become law.

While Connecticut Republicans
favor the cuts, Democrats
oppose them. Sen. Joseph
Blumenthal, D-Connecticut, says
the cuts are "a slap in the face
of the people of this state."

They consistently offer the
argument provided by the White
House that since the last major
GOP-led tax cut in 2003, inflation
has remained historically
low, unemployment rates have
fallen and the Gross Domestic
Product, the value of the nation's
goods and services, has grown at a
healthy pace.

Clearly, said Sen. Blumenthal,
the cuts are a "partisan ploy."

Testimony Threatens Lawyer's Career

Attorney Linked
To Drug Enterprise

BY LYNN TUOHY
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BRIDGEPORT — The murder
trial of a former captain in drug
kingpin Frankie Ertada's enter-
prise has come and gone with a
guilty verdict, leaving in its wake
damning testimony about the role
prominent defense lawyer James
J. Fazio played in Ertada's or-
ganization.

Uncertainty and public specu-
lation have plagued Fazio for
nearly four years, since his law of-
fice was searched by the FBI in
February 2002. He has been on the
radar screen of federal investiga-
tors at least since November 2000,
when Ertada was indicted and a



ACTRESS RANI MUKHERJEE performs during filming of the Bollywood movie "Krunk" in New Haven's Union Station. Mukherjee, 27, has acted in almost 40 films, including four of India's Top Ten films of 2005.

LIGHTS, ACTION, CONNECTICUT

Bollywood Filmmakers Shoot In State As Two Massive Movie-Themed Projects Are Proposed Near Casinos

By RICK GREEN
COURANT STAFF WRITER

NEW HAVEN — As developers dangle tantalizing movie studio proposals before Connecticut, filmmakers from India are offering the best evidence yet that there might be some thing to all this Hollywood chatter.

"We were in New York for three months. Two days after being here, it's like, why didn't we make the whole film here?" Tarun Mansukhani, associate director for Dharma Productions, said as his crew finished filming in the state one day last week.

Mansukhani and director Karan Johar brought their movie "Never Say Goodbye" across state lines on short notice, jumping to Connecticut after New York City officials balked at requests for ex-

tensive filming in Grand Central Station.

Assisted by city officials and representatives from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, Dharma found all the New York it needed in Connecticut. From Union Station in New Haven — where Mansukhani and crew shot take after take of crowd scenes — to the Yale campus to Rentschler Field in East Hartford, where they re-created a soccer game, the moviemakers said they've found the state unexpectedly accommodating.

Dharma's crew of about 100 people presented a glimpse of the economic impact a movie can bring. The filmmakers took over a local hotel, and had they been shooting the entire movie in Connecticut, would have hired dozens of technicians,

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Iraqis Find Prison Abuse

Interior Ministry Said To Practice Torture

By SALEHA GUMBYER
WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iraqi government search of a detention center in Baghdad operated by Interior Ministry special security forces found 13 prisoners who had suffered abuse serious enough to require medical treatment, U.S. and Iraqi officials said Tuesday night.

An Iraqi official with firsthand knowledge of the search said at least 12 of the 13 prisoners had been subjected to "severe torture," including courses of electric shock and episodes that left them with swollen bodies.

"Two of them showed me their rods, and they were gone," the official said on condition of anonymity because of security concerns.

A government spokesman, Lutfi Kabala, said Tuesday night that any findings at the prison would be "subject to an investigation" but declined to comment on the allegations.

The site, which was searched Thursday, is the second Interior Ministry detention center where cases of prisoner abuse have been confirmed by U.S. and Iraqi officials.

U.S. troops found the first site last month when they entered an Interior Ministry building in central Baghdad to look for a June 16 prisoner whom they believed had been detained, officer-said at the time. Several prisoners at that site appeared to have suffered beatings, and many were emaciated, U.S. and Iraqi officials and witnesses said.

International law, including the U.N. convention against torture, bans torture in all cases. U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad issued a sharp public rebuke of the Iraqi government after the secret prison was discovered last month, demanding that all detainees be treated in accord with human rights.

Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, under heavy pressure from Khalilzad and Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, ordered a nationwide investigation of detention centers after that discovery. The prison investigated Thursday was the first center examined as part of the government-ordered inquiry.

U.S. Col. Guy Paulsell, a spokesman for U.S. military detention issues, said U.S. authorities had been aware that the prison searched Thursday existed. U.S. forces had not known about the previous facility.

Prison inspectors from the Ministry of Human Rights and representatives of other ministries participated in the coroner's prison search, the ministry said in a statement. Authorities did not say whether any Americans were involved in the inquiry.

Investigators said they found 925 prisoners at the center but declined to give details about them. Most of the detainees found at the secret prison last month were June 16 detainees who had been picked up by the Shiite-dominated Interior Ministry forces.

"The team discovered a number of prob-

PLEASE SEE IRAQI PRISON, PAGE A6

IN THE

FILM ★ TELEVISION ★ COMMERCIALS

PRESS

KABHI ALVIDA NAA KEHNA
2005

100+ JOBS

\$250,000

SPENT IN

EAST HARTFORD
NEW HAVEN



THE FAMILY STONE

2005

\$100,000

100+ JOBS

SPENT IN
GREENWICH

FILM ★ **TELEVISION** ★ **COMMERCIALS**



PREDATOR ISLAND

2004

\$15,000

SPENT IN

ANSONIA

HAMDEN

OLD SAYBROOK

14+ JOBS



THE ICE STORM
1995

\$2,275,000

360+ JOBS

SPENT IN
GREENWICH
NEW CANAAN

FILM ★ TELEVISION ★ COMMERCIALS



OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY
1990

185+ JOBS

\$3,500,000

SPENT IN
MILFORD
OXFORD
REDDING
SEYMOUR



WORLD WRESTLING
ENTERTAINMENT
2005

\$100,000,000

400+ JOBS

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON
STAMFORD

FILM ★ TELEVISION ★ COMMERCIALS

ESPN
2005

2,900 JOBS



several hundred
million \$\$\$

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON
BRISTOL
CHESHIRE
PLAINVILLE
SOUTHINGTON