

## ADS HOMINEM Nasty Campaign Bites

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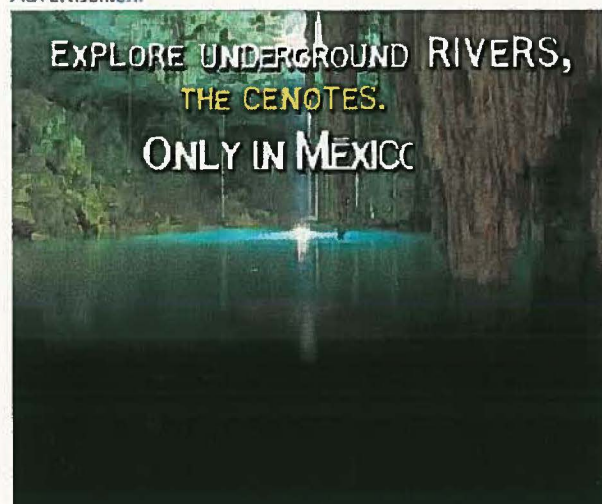
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· In Anaheim, Calif., the former head of the state Republican Party, Shawn Steel, alerted his fellow conservatives that city council candidate Bill Dalati, born in Syria, could be a "Manchurian candidate." Dalati is an insurance agent.

· In Pennsylvania, a TV ad from Sen. Rick Santorum (R) shows a missile launch, a blooming mushroom cloud and then a photo of his opponent, Democrat Bob Casey Jr., along with the mug of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. "I've done a lot of things in my life, but I'm sure I'm not to blame for any mushroom cloud that's out there," Casey joked yesterday.

-- William Booth

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