

Startup Works to Humanize Dog Cancer Drug

BIOTECH: Reseda doctor aims to change pharma research.

By **HELEN FLOERSH** Staff Reporter

Dr. **Ilya Rachman** believes drug companies treat cancer as a static problem, but unfortunately cancer evolves to avoid treatments. In response, the Reseda primary care physician started **Immix Biopharma Inc.** to take a fresh

approach to drug development by using “components” that already exist.

The strategy has yielded Imx-110, an experimental medicine that has brought remission to a dog with late-stage lymphoma.

“I decided to take what science already had, the technologies already available, and mold them into clinical products,” Rachman said. “I thought this was common sense, but not in biotech.”



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One VC Fund’s Diverse Focus

FINANCE: Marlon Nichols seeks multicultural returns.

By **ETHAN VARIAN** Staff Reporter

Marlon Nichols, founding managing partner of **Cross Culture Ventures**, sees an emerging opportunity in “multicultural millennial” consumers.

While African American, Latino and other minority groups now make up 42 percent of all U.S. millennials, according to **Nielsen Holdings**

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Big Body: Northrop Grumman technicians inspect F-35 fuselage in Palmdale.

FULL PRODUCTION

Antelope Valley plane maker pushes the envelope for fast assembly

By **MARK R. MADLER** Staff Reporter

At **Northrop Grumman Corp.**’s aerospace facility in Palmdale, a center fuselage for the Air Forces’ F-35 Lightning II fighter jet rolls off the assembly line every 36 hours.

That’s a fast pace for aviation work, but

the defense contractor’s plant is designed for speed.

“The F-35 (assembly line) facility itself was designed with lean manufacturing principles meant to keep costs down, keep us on schedule and maintain top quality,” **Andrew Reynolds**, vice president in charge of F-35 production, told the

Business Journal.

Northrop Grumman employs 4,100 people in Palmdale, making it the No. 1 company on the Business Journal’s annual list of Manufacturers.

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Scooter Riders Look to Valley

TRANSPORTATION: Low-income areas may get extra wheels.

By **ETHAN VARIAN** Staff Reporter

The dockless electric scooters that have popped up in neighborhoods throughout the Westside and Central Los Angeles may soon come to the San Fernando Valley.

In June, the Los Angeles City Council’s Transportation Committee approved a one-year pilot

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Q&A: STEVEN BRONSON



TIME MANAGER: Steven Bronson runs two public companies – **Qualstar Corp.** in Simi Valley and **Interlink Electronics Inc.** in Westlake Village. How does

he manage? “My wife sometimes thinks I’m crazy,” he told the Business Journal. “If I’m taking time to go to Japan, I can go visit key customers for each of the companies.”

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