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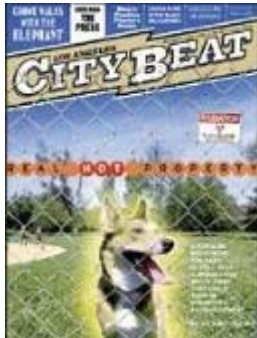
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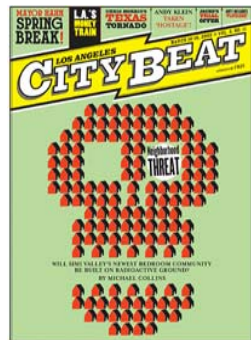
The following major investigations are ongoing. A variety of other important environmental articles by Michael Collins are available [here](#).



VA Nuclear Dump

From 1952 to 1968, the West LA Veterans Administration and neighboring UCLA used the northern reaches of the VA property in Brentwood as a chemical and nuclear dump. After 5 years of investigation, Collins reveals the shocking program of human and animal radiation experimentation that helped create the dump and the decades-long efforts of government officials to cover it up -- efforts that have only increased since the contaminated site has been eyed for new development.

[Click here for the VA nuclear dump investigative series.](#)



Runkle Canyon

Like Ahmanson Ranch, Runkle Canyon abuts Boeing's Santa Susana Field Laboratory, commonly known as Rocketdyne. And also like the ranch, this property slated for residential development, seems to be polluted by Rocketdyne's contaminants. Collins broke this story in 2005.

[Click here for the Runkle investigative series.](#)

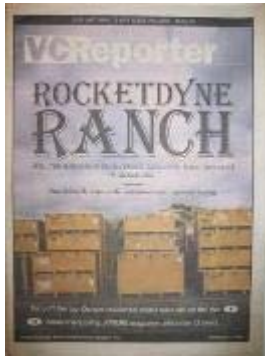


Rocketdyne



Collins began investigating pollution problems at Boeing's Santa Susana Field Laboratory in 1998 in a cover story for *Los Angeles* magazine called "Hot Zone." This highly contaminated aerospace and nuclear research facility is the site of a partial nuclear meltdown in 1959 that released more radiation than the Three Mile Island disaster.

[Click here for the Rocketdyne investigative series.](#)



Ahmanson Ranch

The battle over this pristine piece of property in eastern Ventura County began over a decade before Collins came on the scene. His revelations that radiological and chemical pollutants may have migrated from neighboring Rocketdyne onto the ranch helped lead to the creation of a 2,900-acre expanse of public park land in 2003.

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