



# Biosphere

## The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

### Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

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*“Conquistadores to Cell Sorting: a Life in Science”*

- ***New Editor for Madroño***—Professor Polly Schiffman has been appointed editor (3-year term starting 2008) of *Madroño*, a quarterly journal of the *California Botanical Society*, which has been the outlet for research about the ecology, evolution, systematics, and floristics of Californian and western North American plants since 1915
- ***Students Granted Research Support***—The following students were awarded grants from the *Bellinger Student Research Award*: graduate Jessica Dooley (\$1000, Advisor, Dr. Hertel), graduate Christine Bruno (\$1000, Dr. Espinoza), undergraduate Karen LeGrand (\$965, Dr. Summers), graduate José Monzón (\$935, Dr. Espinoza), graduate Melissa Spitler (\$700, Dr. Carpenter), graduate Taylor Anderson-McGill (\$700, Dr. Karels), and graduate Christopher Rodriguez (\$700, Dr. Espinoza) • Jessica Dooley also received \$1000 from the *Newhall Land Trust Grant for Southern California Ecology*
- ***Graduate Students Accepted into Ph.D. Programs***—Two graduate students supervised by Professor Randy Cohen have been accepted into Ph.D. programs: Brandie Cross will soon begin the Program in Cell, Molecular, Developmental Biology, and Biophysics at *Johns Hopkins University* and April Ochoa will attend *City of Hope*
- ***Professional Outreach***—Full-time Instructor, Dr. Jeff Thomas gave a presentation on evolution to AP biology students at Hamilton High School and another on perception and the design of sensory systems for the *UCLA Science Project*, a program in the UCLA Graduate School of Education offering instructional development and science content for LAUSD high school science teachers