



# Biosphere

## The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

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

Dr. Renato Aguilar, University of Texas, El Paso

*“DNA Degradation Plays an Important Role in Immune Function”*

- **International Award**—Professor Pete Edmunds was awarded support from the *National Science Council* of Taiwan to spend two weeks presenting research seminars and working on experiments with Dr. Tung-Yung Fan, a colleague at the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium; traveling with Pete is his graduate student Hollie Putnam
- **Research Award**—Assistant Professor Cindy Malone received a grant (3 years, \$150,000) from the *National Institutes of Health* for her research investigating the control of the “on–off switch” in essential genes of white blood cells
- **Professional Presentations**—Attending the meeting of the *American Society for Cell Biology* were K–12 teacher Greg Zem and students Laurie Goldstein, Erin McNicholas, and Harout Khanjian representing 17 other students who co-authored a poster with Professor Steve Oppenheimer; first-time meeting goers Laura Feucht and Raghed Rabadi (both graduate students) were accompanied by Professor Maria Elena Zavala and Laura got her Cell Biology book signed by one of the authors and noble laureate, Bruce Alberts
- **Outreach**—Full-time Instructor Dr. Jeff Thomas presented several science topics to the *UCLA Science Project*, a program in the UCLA Graduate School of Education that offers instructional development and science content for LAUSD high school science teachers
- **Botanic Garden Hosts Gardening Class**—At the next CSUN-al Gardening class Scott Daigre, author of *“Tomatomania! How to Grow Tomatoes in Southern California,”* will share his best practices for tomato planting and selecting varieties best suited for the San Fernando Valley on Saturday, 10 March 9–10:30 AM or 11 AM–12:30 PM; registration is free, but required: botanicgarden@csun.edu or (818) 677-3496