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Front Cover—A Robinson’s mouse opossum (*Marmosa robinsoni*) photographed in the Península de Paraguaná, northwestern Venezuela. An article by Gutiérrez et al. (pages 1175–1188) revealed that isolated populations from the Península de Paraguaná are not closely related to geographically proximate mainland populations, but rather to more distant populations to the west in Colombia and Panama. This finding suggests the past existence of broad land connections between the present-day Península de Paraguaná and northeastern Colombia, including intervening areas currently covered by the Caribbean Sea. Photograph taken by Jessica Ortega y José Ochoa-G.

