



BIOSPHERE

The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium

Friday March. 6, 2 PM in EH2132

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“Genetics of flower-color evolution”

- **Outreach** - As part of CSUN’s Educational Talent Search Program, approximately 150 San Fernando Valley 6 - 12th graders visited on Feb. 25th for “Math and Science Day”. Dr. Robert Espinoza gave the keynote address “*Paving the path to your career in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics*”. The students also visited our biological collections with Dr. Jim Hogue and the botanic garden with Brenda Kanno and Phillippe Lee-Gabriel.
- **Publication Featured** - Dr. Stan Metzenberg reports that their 2008 publication “*A nonalkaline method for isolating sequencing-ready plasmids*” made the list of the “25 Hottest Articles from Analytical Biochemistry” being the 8th most downloaded article from Anal Biochem. In other words, making them the 8th most anal lab.
- **Biology Faculty are Moodling** - Drs. Shannon Lee and Jeff Thomas are two of a handful of professors at CSUN who are piloting a new course website vehicle option called “Moodle” as a possible replacement for WebCT. “Moodle” is an open-source course management system for creating dynamic websites for classes. If you are interested in seeing the program in action, contact Dr. Lee at (shannonlee@mac.com) or Dr. Thomas at (jeffrey.thomas@csun.edu).