

Bosque School thanks the donors

The names of contributors of \$10,000 or more to Bosque School's fund-raising group, The Friends of the Ford Library, have been placed on a plaque designed by Bosque art teacher Laura Robbins. Between April 2000 and May 2001, contributions totaled \$750,000.

The library is named for former President Gerald and first lady Betty Ford.

BofA Foundation gives \$137,000

The Bank of America Foundation has contributed \$137,000 to 11 nonprofit and community organizations in New Mexico and El Paso in the third quarter of 2001.

The money helped fund programs in education, health and human services, arts and culture, and community development.

Groups receiving the grants are: Albuquerque Museum Foundation; Conquistador Council, Boy Scouts of America; El Paso Collaborative; El Paso Community Concert Association; El Paso Pro-Musica; Hispanic Culture Foundation Inc.; Las Cruces Symphony Association; New Mexico Museum of Natural History; Presbyterian Medical Services Foundation; Think New Mexico; YMCA of Greater El Paso.



LIBRARY FRIENDS: More than two dozen Friends of the Ford Library pose for a group shot at Bosque School. Larry Willard, left front, is head of Wells Fargo New Mexico; Betty and Gerald Ford, for whom the library is named, are seated third and second from the right.

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Auction benefits domestic program

The Women's Community Association's 25th Anniversary Reception & Charity Auction will take place from 6-10 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Tanoan Country Club, 10801 Academy NE, in Albuquerque. The event is a fund-raiser to celebrate the association's 25 years of help for domestic violence victims.

Radio hosts Larry Ahrens and Jim Villanucci will be auctioneers

and emcees.

WCA operates a 100-bed Shelter From Domestic Violence in Central New Mexico; answers the state's 24-hour domestic violence hot line; offers counseling; operates the Pathways transitional housing program as well as Second Chances Thrift Store and Sandra's Closet dress-for-success and retail training program for women in transition.

Tickets for the reception and auction are \$35. The city of

Albuquerque will match every contribution.

For reservations and information call Tricia Hiser at 247-4219.

Vanessie patrons help foundation

Vanessie of Santa Fe will mark the 20th anniversary of the Santa Fe Community Foundation with a week of entertainers and guest chefs. From Nov. 2-8, Vanessie will contribute 20 percent of all proceeds from the restaurant's dining room and piano bar to the foundation.

Joining regular performers Charles Tichenor and Doug Montgomery will be Chicago violinist Tony Kawalkowski.

Guest chefs include Mark Kiffin of The Compound, Peter Zimmer of Zen World Cuisine, Martin Rios of the Old House, Jeff Moses of Las Campanas and Tom Kerpon of the Inn of the Anasazi.

\$1.1 million grant goes to professors

University of New Mexico School of Engineering professors Bernard Moret of Computer Science and David Bader of Electrical and Computer Engineering have received more than \$1 million in grants this fall from the National Science Foundation for research in reconstructing evolutionary "trees."

The \$1.1 million is broken up into three grants for different aspects of the project.

The research is being conducted in collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin.

Phylogeny, or an evolutionary "tree," reconstructs the evolutionary history of modern organisms from unknown ancestral organisms through the process of bifurcation, in which an ancestral species gives rise to two new species.

The reconstructions are based on molecular data such as DNA sequences collected from modern species and on a hypothesized model of evolution.

Moret said the work tracks the spread of strains of the HIV virus and agricultural labs use the information to produce better strains of basic foods such as rice or wheat.

Shoes on Shoestring aids cancer research

Shoes on a Shoestring of Albuquerque has partnered with the Central New Mexico affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Customers can buy pink ribbon merchandise or make donations to help fight breast cancer. All proceeds this month will benefit the foundation.