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### **"BOISE 2006" TIME CAPSULE TO BE BURIED NEAR GROVE SCULPTURE**

Forty winning entries in the "Boise 2006" essay contest will be buried during ceremonies at 4 p.m. Monday (Nov. 16) in front of the "Keepsies" sculpture in The Grove.

The essays by Ada County school children describe what they believe Boise will be like 20 years from now. The winning entries and names of more than 1,500 other children who submitted entries were sealed in a time capsule last winter as part of the dedication ceremonies for The Grove plaza. They will remain buried in The Grove until December of 2006, when they will be unearthed in a ceremony that will reunite as many of the essay writers as possible.

Many of the children, from kindergarten through high school age, will attend Monday's ceremony at the invitation of Boise Redevelopment Agency, which sponsored the contest. They will be greeted by Statesman columnist Judy McConnell-Steele and B.R.A. board member Dick Clemens. All of the essay winners will receive "New Beginnings" baseball caps donated by Carpenter Screen Printing of Caldwell.

The time capsule will be buried by the children in front of the "Keepsies" sculpture, which will be moved to its permanent location on a concrete pad in The Grove Monday morning. The capsule will be marked by a special brick inscribed with "Boise 2006."

The "Keepsies" sculpture, by former Boise artist Ann LaRose, depicts three children playing marbles. It was temporarily placed in The Grove during a ceremony this summer.

"It's appropriate that these delightful predictions be buried in front of the 'Keepsies' sculpture," said B.R.A. Chairman Ron Twilegar. "The Grove is a place for people and celebration, and these young writers certainly are a part of the new life of Boise's downtown."

The winning essays run the gamut from sublime to subliminal, with a preponderance of idyllic, high-tech lifestyles and computerized conveniences.

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For example:

Natalea Miller of Lake Hazel Intermediate School: "My robot vacuums my house. I don't spend time washing dishes because the ones we don't throw way [sic] the robot washes."

Bob Dean of Boise High School: "Ground has finally been broken for our long overdue Convention Center."

Billy Vail, Joplin Elementary School: "Everyone will do their classwork on computers. No more papers to correct! There will be more time to play."

Natalie Ebright, Pierce Park Elementary School: "Downtown will be filled with new stores and shops let's hope."

Jordan Heller, Tom Thumb Montessori: "I will be the boss of the parks and I will bring kangaroos because they are fun."

Diane Blaser, Capital High School (Describing a possible conversation with her husband in 2006): "I just finished a brain transplant and the new laser works smoothly. Oh, I almost forgot, your lawyer's computer called and is wondering when you plan to pay for "the services rendered."

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**ATTENTION EDITORS, NEWS DIRECTORS, REPORTERS:** We can have some of the children available to share their expertise on the future of Boise if you are interested. Just give me a call.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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Fifth-grader Ryan Marotz pours dirt onto a time capsule in front of "Keepsies" Tom Shanahan, Statesman

## Young essayists peer into future

Boise schoolchildren bury 20-year time capsule in The Grove

A time capsule containing essays by 40 Boise schoolchildren was buried in The Grove on Monday and covered with a brick.

A special brick engraved with the words "Boise 2006" marks the site of the capsule, which contains the children's predictions of what Boise will be like in that year.

About 20 of the young essayists helped bury the capsule in front of the statue *Keepsies*, which depicts three children playing marbles.

The students' predictions for Boise in 2006 ranged from a monorail running to Bogus Basin to robots doing housework. Natalie Ebright, of Pierce Park Element-

ary School, wrote, "Downtown will be filled with new stores and shops let's hope."

Billy Vail, Joplin Elementary, wrote, "Everyone will do their classwork on computers. No more papers to correct! There will be more time to play."

Boise Redevelopment Agency board member Dick Clemens said one youngster's essay talked about a downtown building rising more than 400 stories. With the noise of construction on the 10-story First Interstate Center in the background, Clemens told the children that the dream of growth for Boise is starting to come true.

Judy McConnell Steele, a col-

umnist for *The Idaho Statesman*, complimented the students' writing. "You described it so the rest of us could see your vision," she said.

Each of the children got a "New Beginnings" baseball cap.

B.R.A. Chairman Ron Tanager said, "The Grove is a place for people and celebration, and these young writers certainly are a part of the new life of Boise's downtown."

The Grove is a brick-paved plaza at 8th and Grove streets built by the B.R.A. to form the centerpiece of a redeveloped downtown.

## Grove Time Capsule

November 23, 2007

(Mayor Dave Bieter's Speech)

Twenty-one years ago, the Grove Plaza was built to become downtown Boise's community centerpiece. As part of the dedication ceremonies for the plaza, schoolchildren across Boise were invited to write essays imagining what their city would be like in 20 years.

Some 1,500 kids took up that challenge, and from those entries, 40 were selected to be buried in the time capsule under the bricks of the Grove. Today, as Mayor, I'm honored to have this opportunity to officially unveil the time capsule and to share with you some of what Boise's children of two decades ago imagined that the future held in store.

Here's a prediction that was right on target:

Erin Lindsay, fifth grade, Whittier Elementary:

*"Boise in 2006 is a nice place to live ....The Greenbelt has been worked on every year and now runs from lucky Peak Dam all the way through Boise along the river."*

Erin, if you're out there, we have a job for you in our Parks & Rec. Department.

Jeremy Sanders, a ninth-grader at Fairmont Junior High, imagined writing to the CEO of a major corporation considering a move to Boise in 2006. Jeremy wrote:

*"Boise is becoming one of the most prominent cities in the Western U.S. ... A second convention center is planned, and a high-tech business park is taking root. Despite the population surge, the crime rate has stayed low. ...The growth has caused some problems, such as downtown parking and pollution. However, a state-of-the-art monorail system will be completed in four years in an effort to curtail this problem."*

Jeremy, please contact my office. If we're going to get a rail system up and running in the next four years, we need you to go talk to the state Legislature right away.

Bob Dean, a 10<sup>th</sup>-grader at Boise High School, correctly predicted that our city would protect the natural amenities that make it special. Bob imagined Boise in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and wrote:

*"The famous summer pastime of floating of floating the Boise River through town still persists. Boiseans have done a fantastic job in preserving the river's appearance. ...Blue-ribbon trout fishing has become a noontime pastime for downtown office workers."*

This one I saved for last, my favorite. It's by Jill Bishop, a third grader at Lake Hazel Intermediate:

*"In Boise in 2006 things will be different. ...We will have new people. ...Downtown will be a city plaza with big trees and benches and a statue for me when I'm elected mayor."*

Jill, all I can say is I'm glad I didn't have to run for re-election against you this year.

# Boise 2006

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Mrs. Daniel Whittle

In the year 2006 I imagine Boise as being a large city of a half of million people. Most of these people will be using mass transportation to get to work. Because of the oil shortages of the late 80's, electric powered street cars connect the main street. Buses powered by man made diesel connect suburbs and Nampa + Caldwell to the Boise businesses.

There will be a completely covered mall where the sidewalks move like an escalator only flat. This mall will be solar powered + can hold as many 100,000 shoppers.

Nuclear power plants in the desert power Boise, so electricity is cheape + all homes are air conditioned.

The Green Belt has been worked on every year + now runs from Lucky Peak dam all the way through Boise along the river.

St. Alphonsus hospital now specializes in bionic limbs for patients, so there is a large medical school there.

Boise and all of Idaho has become a national leader in education, preserving wild life, and national pride.

Boise in the year 2006 is a nice place to live.

Erin Lindsay

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Boise 2006: letter to Chairman of the Board,  
Wobler Foods Corp.

Dear Mr. Dave Poindexter. →

This is in response to your question in last week's board meeting. I feel that the best site for our proposed branch office building would be Boise Idaho. Boise is becoming one of the most prominent cities in the Western U.S.

Progress is firmly grasping Boise, Idaho. The area's population has surged to 300,000 in the metropolitan area. This population explosion has triggered new development. A second convention center is planned and a high-tech business park is taking root. The Boise airport recently expanded and could easily handle our business traveling needs. The education system has become one of the best in the country. Despite the population surge the crime rate has stayed low.

I must be frank with you. The growth has caused some problems such as downtown parking and pollution. However, a state-of-the-art monorail system will be completed in 4 years in an effort to curtail this problem. The local pollution control measures have barely been able to keep up with the problem. Never-the-less, the pollution is no worse now than 20 years ago.

All in all I would consider it a wise business decision to locate a branch office in Boise before property prices follow in the footsteps of its population and social quality. Thank you for considering this proposal.

Jeremy Sanders,  
Jeremy Sanders, major stock holder

Bob Dean  
Boise High School  
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Age: 15  
November 14, 1986  
Grade: 10  
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### Boise in the Year 2006

It is now six years past the historic turn of the Twenty-First Century and Boise feels just as warm and friendly as it always has. Drastic changes over the last twenty years are not real apparent, although, there are some noteworthy changes I would like to mention.

Boiseans can now claim that we, too, have a mall. It's really nothing to brag about — it is a Karcher Mall in our back yard. With business now booming, there are several more malls on the drawing board. The idea of a few more malls has started to get Boiseans excited.

Ground has finally been broken for our long over due Convention Center. Business has really picked up over the last ten years and the Convention Center will hopefully bring even more. Citron Technology, Digital Electronics, Lehigh Press, and many other high-tech corporations have headquarters here in the valley. The result has been very positive. Not only has it created thousands of job openings, it has stabilized the economy. Small business has also been on the increase. It looks as if the big campaigns back in the 80's to buy Idaho products have started to pay off.

The famous summer pastime of floating the Boise River through town still persists. Boiseans have done a fantastic job in preserving the rivers' appearance. Wild geese and ducks flock the river picking at the fish. Blue ribbon trout fishing has become a noontime pastime for downtown office workers.

Politics hasn't changed much around here. The biggest issue concerning the legislature is whether they have really made an honest effort to quit wasting their valuable session time. The political mud-slinging of the late 80's and 90's has been cleaned up quite a bit. Senior U.S. Senator, Steve Symms, has really proved himself. Twenty years in the Senate and chairing several subcommittees has earned him national respect.

A pothole is an absence of matter, and the matter has become worse. When I first got my drivers license back in 1986, the notorious pothole on the corner of 9th and Grove was only a foot wide. Now it is big enough to swallow half of Boise. The issue to raise money for this problem has been on the ballot several times. By popular referendum, potholes continue to grow and grow and grow.

Boise's favorite winter time sport continues to be snow-skiing. Skiing the Great Potato is attracting thousands of skiers from around the country. Bogus Basin has nearly tripled its facilities to accommodate more and more skiers.

All things considered, Boise is brighter in the year 2006 — an accurate reflection of its people.

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In Boise in 2006 things will be different. Our city will get new buildings like shopping malls and a convention center. There will be tall skyscrapers. The zoo will be bigger and it will have elephants and giraffes.

We will have new people. We will have to use more buses because there will be no more room for cars.

Down town will be a city plaza with big trees and benches and a statue of me when I'm elected for mayor.

by Jill