

Jeff Borys used a pressure washer to inscribe a passage from a Dr. Seuss story on the sidewalk outside his house in Grand Forks. Logan Werlinger / Forum News Service



'Oh, the places you'll go'

Grand Forks man pressure-washes Dr. Seuss' words on residential path

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Pedestrians in Grand Forks' near southside neighborhood have a reminder this week that their stroll down the street is part of a grand journey.
"Congratulations!
"Today is your day."

"You're off to Great Places!
"You're off and away!"
Those words and the rest of Dr. Seuss' 1990 book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" have been inscribed onto the sidewalk along 13th Avenue South by resident Jeff Borys, all in loose but precise handwriting stretching a half-block between Chestnut Street and the alley.

Borys' tool for the work was a borrowed pressure washer, which he used to blast off the grime from the pavement and write the book's rhymes with the clean concrete underneath.
"I do graphic design for a living, so it was a little easier than it would be for other people," Borys said.
He chose the children's book about a young

person setting out on life's adventures because he thought it would appeal to youngsters in the neighborhood.
"We're right off the entry to Lincoln Park, so I knew there would be a lot of kids," he said.
His work has been noticed outside the neighborhood, too. He posted a picture of the finished project on the

online discussion site Reddit, and it racked up more than 20,000 views in the first day.
Borys tried out the pressure washer on his driveway first, blasting a design onto the pavement. He then turned to the sidewalk for the Seuss work, making only one typo in the text.
"I decided to bump it

up a notch," he said. "I've always been kind of into calligraphy."
Borys said neighbors have liked the work, and he has enjoyed watching people read Seuss' words of encouragement.
"You're off to Great Places!
"Today is your day!
"Your mountain is waiting.
"So ... get on your way!"

Mosquitoes carrying West Nile confirmed in Cass County

Forum staff reports
FARGO - Cass County Vector Control on Friday said a pool of mosquitoes in north Fargo tested positive for the West Nile virus.
The pool was found Wednesday and testing confirmed the virus was present, said Ben Prather, director of Vector Control.
The last positive test in the county occurred in 2013, he said.
"It's a lingering threat," Prather said. "I don't think anyone needs to run and flee. It's just the time of year where West Nile could be predominant."
Hot weather conditions, especially with warm overnight temperatures, increases the chances of West Nile, Prather said.
He said homeowners should empty standing water to help make property undesirable for mosquitoes. He also suggests using repellent while outdoors.
The mosquito trap count for Friday was 37.16. Prather said a recent ground fogging by Vector Control helped knock down the numbers.
More information on West Nile Virus can be found on the North Dakota Department of Health's website, www.ndhealth.gov/WNV.



Karim Sadiq Alkhazrajy
is accused of attacking his wife at the West Acres mall in Fargo on Thursday after she asked him for a divorce.

Man accused of choking, beating woman at West Acres mall

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FARGO - Shoppers at the region's biggest mall were forced to intervene Thursday when a Fargo man attacked his wife after she asked him for a divorce because he'd been repeatedly cheating on her, court documents state.
The victim, who had been

separated from her husband, Karim Sadiq Alkhazrajy, for the past nine months because he was seeing two other women, asked him to meet her at West Acres mall so she could ask him for a divorce, documents state.
She told police her husband "lost it" when he heard she wanted a divorce, and started punching her in the left side

of the face and choking her to the point she couldn't breathe or speak.
West Acres security pulled Alkhazrajy off his wife while a nearby woman called 911, documents state. She was lying on the floor of the mall when Fargo police arrived.
She told police that as Alkhazrajy was choking her, he told her he was "going to

make them bury her."
Alkhazrajy was charged Friday in Cass County District Court with one count of aggravated domestic violence and one count of terrorizing, both felonies.
His next court appearance is set for Sept. 2.
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Former Big Lot employees accused of stealing over \$450,000 from dealership

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MOORHEAD - Two former employees of a Moorhead- and Detroit Lakes-based auto dealership are accused of embezzling more than \$450,000 from the dealership.
Former Big Lot accountant Stuart Jay Larson and General Manager Cory Dean Cambronne were both charged Thursday in Clay County District Court with 10 counts each of felony theft. Larson also faces an 11th felony theft charge in the case.
The co-owner of Big Lot contacted Moorhead police in May 2014 to report that he and his employees had started wondering why the

businesses weren't making any money, and discovered Larson and Cambronne had stolen more than \$300,000, according to court documents filed with the charges.
One of the officials at Big Lot told police he noticed that Cambronne's accounts receivables started going up, which included a car worth \$30,000.
Larson told him it was a mistake, and moved the car to a different account, telling the official he was giving Cambronne an advance because Cambronne was having tax problems and his wages were being garnished by the state.
Larson told the Big Lot official he expected Cambronne to get a \$430,000

tax return, at which point the official told Larson to take Cambronne off the the company's signature card.
The official told police he soon discovered the \$430,000 was never paid back to the company, which sparked an internal audit.
The Big Lot co-owner told police they confronted the pair, who admitted they embezzled the company by issuing advanced checks and fraudulent receipts, documents state.
The co-owner thought the scam might have originated as far back as 2007, when Larson was hired, and that Cambronne was brought into it when he started with Big Lot in 2011, documents state.

When police interviewed Larson, he told them he knew Cambronne was taking the money, and was wrong not to have reported it, but claimed he received no financial gain himself, documents state.
Larson told police he moved money around to hide the fact Cambronne wasn't paying it back, and in March or April, he stopped trying to hide it.
He later admitted he started taking the money himself around the time Cambronne came to work, usually trying to lump the money in with a transaction he knew Cambronne was making, documents state.
He told police the \$131,993.16 linked to his

bank account from Big Lot seemed "high," but admitted it was possible, documents state.
In his police interview, Cambronne told police he suffered from a gambling problem.
He admitted to taking money from Big Lot, but didn't think it was as much as police were telling him.
The company's cash shortage amounted to \$450,815.80, with \$254,292.52 of that linked to Cambronne's bank accounts, documents state.
Both men are set to make their first court appearances in September.
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