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Scarred, but blessed

Tavon Tanner celebrates milestone graduation after 2016 shooting



Mary Schmich

On Thursday afternoon, with his mother eager to get him into the car, Tavon Tanner took his time putting on the triumphal costume of his high school graduation.

A brand-new navy blue suit, tailored just for him. A bow tie, which he had a little trouble attaching to his collar. As he stood in the living room and zipped

up his green graduation gown, he laughed and mumbled, "I look like a priest."

His twin sister shook her head.

"You look sharp," she said.

If you'd seen Tavon in that moment, you'd never guess, unless you knew, what was hidden by those fancy clothes. A scar that runs the full length of his abdomen. A leg that still hurts when the weather gets too hot or cold. And years of wondering whether he would make it to graduation day.

"Let's go," his mother urged.

They had to get downtown to the cathedral. They couldn't be late, not for this ceremony that felt like a miracle.

Graduation day came so fast. That's what Tavon's mother, Mella-

nie Washington, keeps thinking, though back in the summer of 2016 it was hard to believe that it would ever come.

Back then, on a warm August night, Tavon had been sitting on the front porch of their home on Chicago's West Side, gazing at the moon, when from out of the darkness came the rat-a-tat-tat of bullets.

One of the bullets hit Tavon. It pierced his lower spine, then traveled up into his organs, doing damage that would never be entirely undone. He was 10 years old.

As he lay bleeding on the floor, his sister, Taniyah, stood next to him and cried, "Twin, don't leave me! Twin, don't leave me!"

His mother prayed out loud into the phone as she dialed 911.

Two months after Tavon was shot, I asked Mellanie Washington if the Chicago Tribune could do a story on what that bullet had done to her son and the people who loved him. She said yes. She wanted the world to know how violence ripples through

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At top: Tavon Tanner bounds down the steps of Holy Name Cathedral after graduation from St. Patrick High School on Thursday. Tavon's story was first told in the Tribune in 2016, shown above. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Landfill methane detection flawed

Study: Emissions in Ill., 7 other states likely understated by EPA

By Adriana Pérez
Chicago Tribune

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's method of detecting methane leaks at landfills is flawed, and emissions of this powerful heat-trapping gas are likely much higher than what is being reported, according to a new study analyzing landfills in Illinois and seven other states.

Released Thursday by the environmental nonprofit Industrious Labs, the study is the most recent of several reports that show landfill operators are likely understating their annual emissions to the federal government as major methane leaks go unnoticed. A Harvard study using satellite data released earlier this month found emissions at landfills across the country in 2019 were 51% higher than EPA estimates for that year. A study published in March in the journal Science used airborne surveys and found emissions between 2016 and 2022 to be even higher.

"The problem is worse than the numbers show or than what we thought," said Katherine Blauvelt, circular economy director

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As Freedom Center prepares its final production runs, meet the workers who print the newspaper. Vintage Chicago Tribune, Page 17

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Renters are finding they have to act fast to secure affordable units as inventory is low and prices are creeping up. Real Estate

3 women allege grooming by former teacher



Dallas Till calls out a play at a basketball game in 2019 when he was head coach for Riverside-Brookfield High School. GROWING COMMUNITY MEDIA

Opportunities to protect students missed, lawsuits say

By Christy Gutowski
Chicago Tribune

For nearly two decades, Andrea Crawford assumed that when she told school officials a student teacher had groomed and sexually abused her at Morton East High School in Cicero, it had put a stop to the man's career plans.

In fact, the teacher obtained his license that summer and started a job at Elmwood Park

High School in August 2002. In the following years, according to pending lawsuits, Dallas Till groomed and repeatedly had sex with two underage students at the school.

Three women in all, including Crawford, have filed Cook County lawsuits alleging that Till engaged in sexual misconduct at the Cicero and Elmwood Park schools and that school officials failed to properly investigate or intervene to protect students.

A Tribune review of Till's case as revealed through public documents and interviews shows

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