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### People in the News: Tory Cavalieri

**T**ory Cavalieri has always been a daredevil. Before the 2004 motorcycle accident that left him with a T12 spinal cord injury, Cavalieri, 50, competed as a motocross racer and was a NASCAR-licensed stock car driver. For Cavalieri, the decision to undergo a rare procedure to treat pressure sores was easy, and the risk seems to have paid off.

A year after undergoing an innovative nerve graft transplant procedure, Cavalieri has restored feeling in his posterior, and the acute pressure sores which had kept him bedridden for years have healed and not recurred. Having sensation makes Cavalieri hopeful that new sores won't form. "I can get up and go places now," he says.

"We are absolutely thrilled with Tory's results," said Dr. Andrew Elkwood of the Plastic Surgery Center in Shrewsbury, N.J., who performed the two-hour procedure. "The success of this procedure can prove to be life-changing for tens of thousands of people worldwide."

