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Anticoncussion activist on NFL star's brain damage

Former boxer Ray Ciancaglini, who has been fighting for anti-concussion legislation more than 40 years, said "I feel badly for Tony Dorsett with his diagnosis of chronic traumatic encephalopathy. His stardom will probably bring more attention to so-avoidable life-deteriorating and demoralizing concussion disorders. This journeyman boxer has been promoting the cause for years and has made a lot of noise but preventing debilitating concussions is a tough road. I can't thank (those to whom he addressed the memo) enough for your help during this crusade.

"If news media seek a star to carry this important message, they now have him. It may help make this important campaign more visible.

"I'm saddened by this unfortunate news for Mr. Dorsett but it should have the same beneficial impact with news media that Michael J. Fox had for Parkinson's Disease. I always keep these athletes in my prayers, as I know from too personal experience where their quality of life is headed."

Note: A prized possession in A-E's hut is a



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signed boxing glove from Ray as thanks for a story about the former boxer's spell-binding and important anti-concussion message to Jasper-Troupsburg students last spring. If you ever have a chance to hear this inspiring speaker at a school or one of his Concussion Education Seminars, cancel everything else and go. You'll thank A-E for that advice.

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