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"NFL players help raise millions of dollars per year toward a multitude of charities that, in these tough financial times, can use every dollar they get. Yet when the average person picks up his daily newspaper in the morning, the first thing he reads is that 'Johnny Football' was caught speeding last night in his red Ferrari and was arrested for avoiding police, violating traffic stops and endangering his community. Sadly, it often paints a picture to fans that NFL players are reckless and lack character and good judgment. Maybe it's just easier to believe that NFL athletes are all villains because they feel a player's fame and fortune is undeserved. And these rare acts of buffoonery oftentimes seem to be glorified by the media, when on the other hand you have many players taking the time -- which they have very little of during the season -- to make school visits that address the positive effects of staying in school and applying themselves to achieve success. Some also hold motivational camps for kids (and even adults) to share testimony of faith and hardship. The media need to highlight these positive NFL role models."