



THE BALTIMORE RAVENS WON SUPER BOWL XLVII IN NEW ORLEANS, defeating the San Francisco 49ers 34-31. The game featured a brother vs. brother coaching matchup between Baltimore's John Harbaugh and San Francisco's Jim Harbaugh. The Ravens built a huge lead behind quarterback Joe Flacco and receiver Anquan Boldin before holding off a late 49ers rally, while both teams dealt with a 30-minute second half delay due to a power outage in the Superdome.



FACING A SELF-IMPOSED Jan. 1 deadline of forced, wide-ranging tax increases and spending cuts known as the "fiscal cliff," Congress passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. The act extended the Bush era tax cuts but raised other taxes, including the Social Security part of the payroll tax. Passage of the act averted a recession at that time, and Congress continued its work by preparing to discuss spending cuts.



THE SUMMER OLYMPICS took over London and the world's attention in August. The U.S. won for only the second time ever in the women's gymnastics team event. Gabby Douglas, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman, Kyla Ross and Jordyn Wieber became known as the "Fierce Five." Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt became the first man to ever win the 100 and 200 meters in back-to-back Olympics. Swimmer Michael Phelps won six more medals to become the most decorated Olympian ever.



NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE OWNERS declared a player lockout less than a month before the start of the 2012-13 season. The labor dispute over revenues stretched into the new year, forcing the cancellation of more than 600 games before it was finally settled on Jan. 6., and the season began on Jan. 19.



NBA 30,000 POINT SCORERS

KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR	38,387
KARL MALONE	36,926
MICHAEL JORDAN	32,292
WILT CHAMBERLAIN	31,419
KOBE BRYANT	30,778

Kobe Bryant became just the fifth player in NBA history to pass the 30,000 career points mark.

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