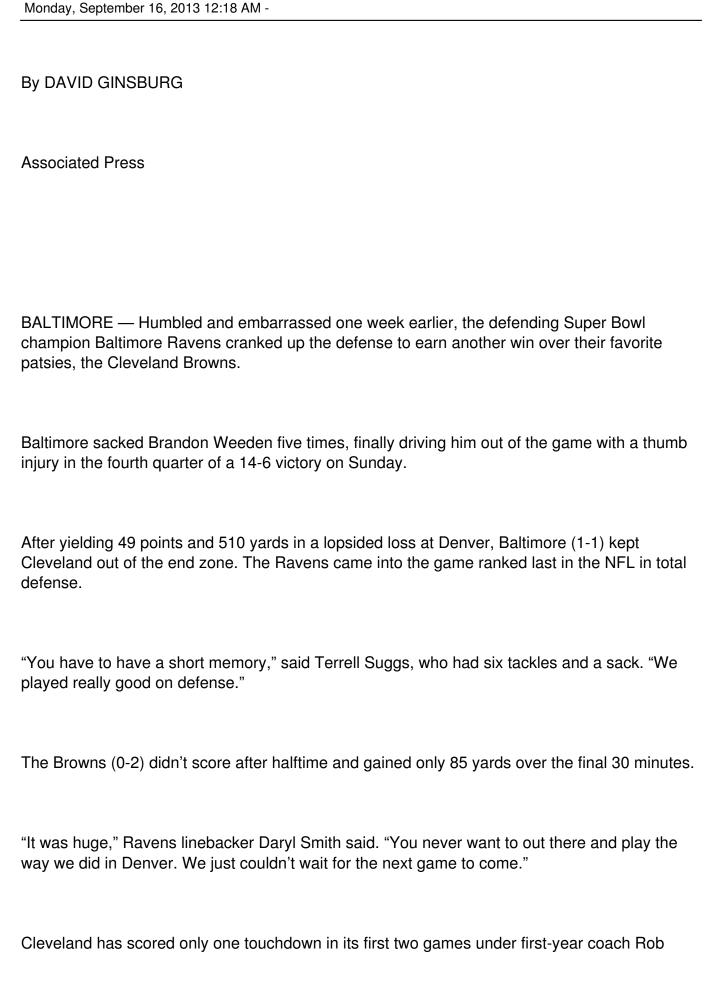
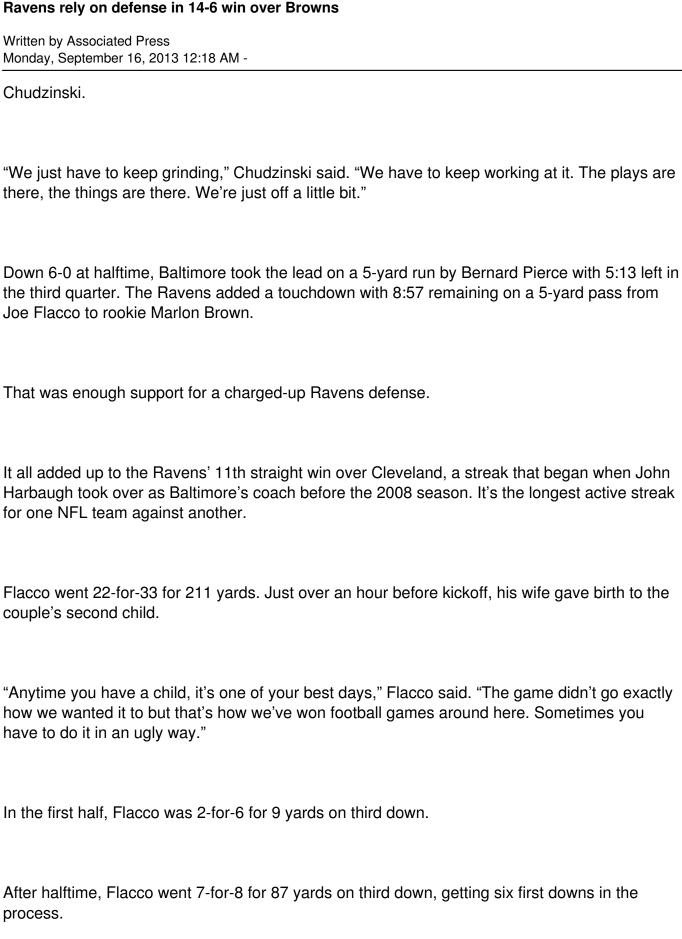
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helmet during the follow-through.

"I couldn't grip the ball, so I knew I had to come out," he said. "It really hurts. But the X-rays were negative."

He was replaced by Jason Campbell with 3:34 left and Cleveland down 14-6. The Browns quickly turned the ball over on downs and Baltimore ran out the clock.

Ravens running back Ray Rice left early in the fourth quarter with a strained hip flexor. He was limited to 36 yards and 13 carries before limping off the field and into the locker room.

The afternoon began with the unveiling of a sign commemorating the Ravens' Super Bowl victory last season. Once play began, it took Baltimore nearly 40 minutes to get on the scoreboard.

Limited to 122 yards in the first half, the Ravens moved 80 yards in 12 plays on their opening possession of the third quarter to take a 7-6 lead. Before Pierce scored, Flacco went 3-for-3, completing all three passes on third down.

The Browns led at halftime after Billy Cundiff kicked field goals of 21 and 51 yards and Justin Tucker, who replaced Cundiff in Baltimore last season, missed from 50 and 44.

Browns defensive tackle Phil Taylor shoved Rice in the facemask after the game's second play from scrimmage, turning a third-and-13 into a first down. But Tucker misfired to end the 12-play drive.

Cleveland's first offensive play was a 53-yard pass to Jordan Cameron, setting up Cundiff's first field goal.

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The game's next eight possessions ended with punts. The trend turned just before halftime, when a 27-yard completion from Flacco to Torrey Smith led to another missed field goal try by Tucker.

Cleveland then moved 33 yards before Cundiff connected with 11 seconds left.

The second half, however, belonged to Baltimore. The Browns made only five first downs after halftime and finished 4 for 15 on third downs.

Notes: Ravens DL Chris Canty sustained a groin injury. ... Browns LB Quentin Groves sprained his ankle. X-rays were negative. ... Ravens CB Chykie Brown strained his knee. ... DE Paul Kruger, who left Baltimore to sign as a free agent with Cleveland during the offseason, had three tackles and no sacks.