

# Headlight



Written by the students of Marblehead High School for our school and community

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## A Review

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Singles:

### 2. Justin Timberlake featuring Jay-Z, "Suit and Tie"

After his multi-year hiatus from music, it appears that Justin Timberlake is back, with a new album set to drop in late March. The first single off of the album, "Suit and Tie," was released on iTunes a few weeks ago, and has hovered around the top 10 most purchased songs ever since. The single sees Timberlake return to his musical niche of classy ladies' man, and very much has a Bee-Gees sound to it. The single also includes a verse from well-known rapper Jay-Z, which provides a nice change of pace in the song. Although the single seems to have garnered popularity, it will be interesting to see if the album will be able to do the same. That is because while it may seem a novelty to have Timberlake back in music, one may come to realize, like I have, that Justin's best music may have come and gone.

### 3. The Lonely Island featuring Adam Levine and Kendrick Lamar, "YOLO"

The SNL-based trio The Lonely Island made a return to the late night comedy show on the most recent episode, humorously explaining how to live life cautiously because, "You only live once." Also, both host Adam Levine and musical guest Kendrick Lamar were able to lend their talents to the song, singing the chorus and rapping a verse respectively. While specializing in satire, The Lonely Island's songs are generally enjoyable to listen to, and are outrageously funny. In that regard, their most recent single is more of the same. This single is particularly humorous, as it pokes fun at a common expression used by many teens today. This single may suggest a potential album from The Lonely Island, who usually release albums with a large quantity of songs, coming in the near future.

We are a little less than a week away from the Grammys. Leading up to the premier night in music, there has been a substantial amount of new music released. Here are some of the highlights:

Albums:

### 1. Tegan and Sara, Heartthrob

The Calgary-based duo of identical twins that is Tegan and Sara have been making music for over twenty years. In that timeframe, the group has generally stuck to the indie rock scene, with hits such as "Walking With a Ghost," which was later covered by The White Stripes, and "Back In Your Head." However, in their most recent release, Tegan and Sara have taken their sound in a completely new direction. Heartthrob is very much a dance/pop album, which speaks to the duo's recent collaborations with some of the big names in that genre, such as David Guetta and Tiesto. Personally, I view Tegan and Sara's apparent musical reformation as a mixed bag. In an age where the generic pop song dominates the top 40, it is disheartening to see a band with a unique sound and style unable to stick to their guns. On the other hand, there is something to be said for becoming more mainstream, as it allows for a band to become more accessible to the general public, and expose a new audience to their music. Some of the notable tracks off of Heartthrob are "Goodbye, Goodbye," an up-tempo pop song that could fit in on any best of 80's pop album, and "Closer," another up-tempo pop song that is ready-made to be blasting from the speakers of any urban clothing store.

## Big Win For MHS Badminton Team

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On January 6, 2013, the Marblehead High School Badminton Team won the Massbad High School Team Badminton Tournament. It was held at the Boston Badminton Club in Westborough, MA. We don't have a formal high school badminton team, even though Mr. Lavender offers it to us for one semester in gym. So, for this tournament, we formed our own high school team, as follows: freshmen Nathaniel Cayen and Nicole Frevold; sophomores Zhen Humenn, Wenny Niu and

Ben Thorne; and juniors Alec Glass, Nik Hancke, Gwyn Higgins, Denis Kazakov, Critter Rodts, Jon Suydam, and Renee Torrie. Critter also acted as our team captain and coach

Many kids don't know a lot about badminton, but it is actually the second most popular sport in the world, after soccer. Our team played against five other high schools that actually have badminton as an official school sport. The tournament went all day long, each of us playing several rounds of singles, doubles and mixed doubles. MHS moved through the rounds aggressively, and in spite of tough competition, MHS

advanced to the finals against Newton North High School for the Title. This high school tournament gave us a chance to come together as one team. Often times you end up opposite the net from each other in other tournaments. Fighting for our high school to win against another local school was challenging and fun. I encourage athletes to give this sport a try. It's fun and it's a great work out. Badminton involves strong hand-eye coordination, endurance, speed and focus. If you are interested, you can read more about the Headers MassBad victory at [www.marbleheadyouthbadminton.org](http://www.marbleheadyouthbadminton.org).

## Marblehead High School Updates:

### Spring Athletes - Try-Out's

Please check with the school nurse or Athletics. All physicals must be dated on or after February 18, 2012 to be considered "Current" for Clearance Forms.

### Senior Project- Deadline

Senior Project applications will NOT be accepted from any senior who has an outstanding school obligation (class dues, user fees, detention hours, etc.) Students are asked to check the board outside D211 for your name (updated daily), or see Ms.Cefalo before or after school.

### North Shore Community College - Admissions Visit

NSSC will be visiting MHS on February 12 at 9 a.m. Please see Guidance for an application to be filled out before the visit. Sign up in Guidance if you plan to attend.

### Social Outreach

Cosmic Bowling on Monday, February 11th from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. ALL are welcome. Tickets cost seven dollars per person. Tickets will be sold during lunches.

### Magic Hat -Volunerring

Wed. February 13th through 16th. Please sign up in the main office if you are interested.

### White Water Rafting

Information will be available during lunches. All seniors must return forms and payment by Friday, February 8th.

### Have Something to say/ask?

Leave us a question on our advice page on our website [www.mhsheadlight.weebly.com](http://www.mhsheadlight.weebly.com).

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Perception is a funny thing to consider. It's something that makes all of us unique, in a roundabout way. Perception is the way something appears to a single person, and it differs for all of us. Whether a situation, another person, or yourself, the way one perceives anything dictates how he acts.

In our culture, one of the most interesting divides between people is hero status for various figures in our society. It's all about perception, and that's what makes it so interesting. A villain to one is a shining beacon to another, and neither is right or wrong. A trendy example of this is Ray Lewis, linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens, a polarizing and controversial figure.

To some, he is a man who literally got away with murder, a criminal who got off due to his celebrity status. To others he is simply a man who was in a bad situation, and has since made such a positive impact on the world that he is a hero. Of course, neither is right or wrong, and the legacy Lewis leaves will be mixed. But the important thing here is how differently people perceive one man.

The recent Super Bowl had many polarizing figures in it, none more so than Ray Lewis. There is an obvious lesson to be learned from his mistakes, and his career. It's impossible to classify someone as entirely good or evil. A lesson that is hard to learn for many is that sometimes, there is no black and white answer. Not everything in life is so simple; it's just a matter of perception. So often, due to the immediate availability of

information, we are quick to make snap decisions. Everything becomes so convoluted that the easiest option is to just assume the worst. It's almost never that easy. And this is a lesson that more should take to heart.

Whether you are enamored with Ray Lewis, or vilify him, there is more to his character; there is more than one element to him. Just as there are two sides to every coin, there are many parts to every man. And so don't forgive him, and don't forget him, but remember Ray Lewis for who he was, as a man and as a player; for what he did, not who he was perceived to be.

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