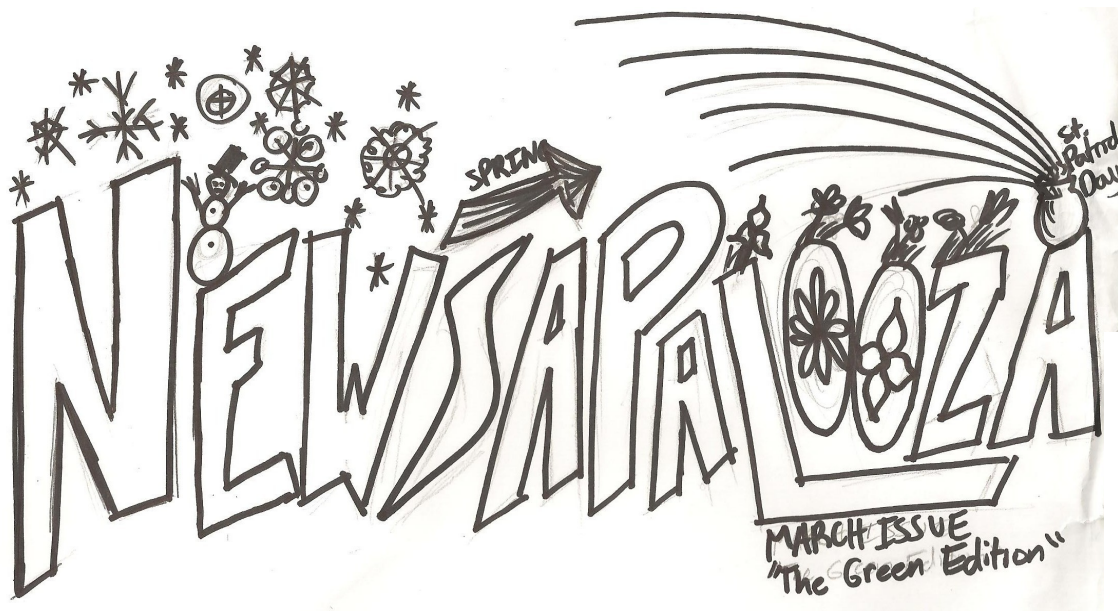


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Hey everyone! Welcome back to the second issue of the third volume of *Newsapaloza*.

YES! It's finally spring. And I've caught spring fever—every chance I get I have to go outside. I've been so busy with dance (my show was 2 weeks ago, but classes are still going on) and school (Regents are coming up *\*\*gulp\*\**) that I've barely had time to take a break, so it's great that I get to enjoy the weather!

Actually, what I've started doing whenever I get a chance, or free time or anything, is I take a towel and a book and I just lay out on my porch for an hour or so, and enjoy the sun. (I'm going roller-skating by the river next week, anyone want to come?) It feels like winter was a lot longer than last year.

Being in high school is kind of weird. (Is it bad that I'm still not used to it?) Everything goes really fast, and if you're not at the same pace as everyone else, you're sort of swept away. Sometimes you need a break to catch your breath, you know? (I'm so appreciative of spring break, you guys have no idea! Though I'd rather not be in New York right now...)

Anyway, a lot of my friends have started Tumblring.

(No, it's not falling over. ) It's like blogging, well, it IS blogging, on a website called **Tumblr**. Here's one I recommend, by my friends Kaitlyn and Juliet:

<http://lifeinasemifastmotion.tumblr.com/>

They post a lot of interesting pictures, lyrics and quotes. I really liked this picture that they posted. (see below)



The girls at *Newsapaloza* and I (well Lucy, actually) decided to make this issue a sort of a green issue. We have a bunch of articles about natural disasters, some green tips, and even Desdemona Quack's column is green themed!

Along with those, we also have a short story by Carly, and a poem by Maggie. I've also included some pictures in here, whether they be from some of our *Newsapaloza* meetings or just some that I thought were interesting.

Speaking of be-

ing green, did anyone celebrate earth hour this past weekend? I celebrated it at my friend Melissa's house, with my other friends Jamie, Alli and Natalia.

We shut off all the lights, the computer, and our cell phones from 8:30 to 9:30 PM, and threw towels and blankets on the ground outside and set up candles all around, and stared up at the stars together. It was a really great way to spend earth hour!



Well, enjoy!

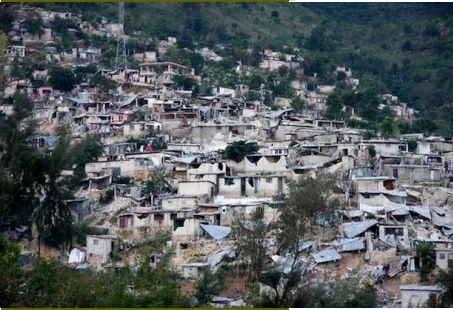
Love,

*Amanda L.*



## The Earthquake in Chile vs. The Earthquake in Haiti

By Isabel Anzani



On February 27th, 2010, an earthquake occurred in Chile. This earthquake had a magnitude of 8.8 on the Richter Scale. There were 47 casualties. (A casualty is something that was destroyed as the result of some act or event.)

The exact location of the earthquake (or epicenter) was in Maule, Chile, 20 miles from the capital. Because the earthquake was so strong, the tectonic

plates near Chile moved 3 inches!

The earthquake in Haiti had 150 thousand casualties, and had a magnitude of 7.9 on the Richter Scale, yet Chile coped in a better way. The earthquake in Chile shifted the globe! Yet Haiti is having much more trouble.

Chile and Haiti are desperately trying to get the assistance and money to restore their cities and people, and get them back on their feet. However, Haiti

needs more support. The situation in Haiti continues to worsen and worsen. It is a terrible place to live at the moment, with horrible conditions.

Chile is in trouble too, but, Haiti is in far too deep.

Please help the earthquake victims in both Haiti and Chile by visiting [www.redcross.org/en/donatemoney](http://www.redcross.org/en/donatemoney).

You can really make a difference!



"In my life there are things that are thought

Things that are written

And things that are heard

Some of these things

Should be forgotten

Some of these things are scars

Some of these things are what make me me

And some of these things make you you

And some of these things shape our world."

-The Beatles

## Girl in the Shadow

By Carly Livingston

We used to have fun. We used to laugh and play. I used to smile up to you when you had an idea about our game. You used to smile at me when I made a joke about them.

Now you don't even look. You still laugh though. But not at my jokes. You laugh at the jokes they say... about me. Now, you're not a friend... You're a girl in the shadow.

You follow their moves, instead of standing up, taking charge.

You act as though you don't know how I feel, but I know you do. I can tell. I can see the fear billowing in your thoughts. I know that I haven't changed... You've changed.

You chose to go with them... Instead of someone who cares.

You used to call everyday I was absent, everyday I wasn't. Just to say 'hi,' to see if I was okay.

Now, you stand in the corner, staring right past me. You were wrong to leave me, and your conscience knows you were, but you won't listen to either of us.

You left me alone to sit in my backyard, to look up into the sky by myself. To play our game. As the clouds go by, I think about the times when you weren't in the shadow.

We used to be able to be kids, and not care about what anybody thought... Except when we talked about each other.

You listened to me, and I listened to you.

We were happy and it was a sweet and nice way to spend our time.

We used to draw funny things.

Crazy things.

Or at least that's what you used to be.





# Floods

By Kamar Tazi

## What is a flood?

A flood is a growing, surging body of water that rises way above its normal level and spills over land. Sometimes a flood will happen slowly, but sometimes we will get something called a flash flood.

A flashflood is a very fast, very sudden flood. Some floods come yearly at a certain time, so people can learn to expect them. Sometimes, they cause death. Crops can get destroyed, buildings can be torn down and large areas of land can be ruined.

## Bangladesh

Can you imagine everything around you completely covered in water? In some places in Bangladesh, in Southern Asia, that sort of thing happens every

year. The people there are prepared for floods such as these, because there is a certain period of time over which these floods will occur.

## Bangladesh 1988

One of the most devastating floods in Bangladesh occurred in 1988. Almost 60% of the land was underwater, and over 2,500 people died, either from drowning or disease. There was no clean water, food, and there was no place for the people to relocate.

## Controlling Floods

Flood waters are one of the most destructive forces on earth. Is there any way to prevent them? Many types of structural flood protection and methods have been put into

place all over the world for many years. For example, barriers that are put into prepared fittings near rivers, portable dams, and plastic walls that can be placed around houses, among other things.

## My Recommendation

If you live in an area where many floods occur, then you should be prepared and informed. Learning more about the floods that could happen near you can help you prevent the damage they can cause.



# Green Tips!

1. When doing laundry, hang it outside instead of throwing it in the dryer! It uses much less energy, and the color in your clothes lasts longer and doesn't fade.
2. Take shorter showers. This allows you to waste less water.
3. Instead of buying bottled water, use less plastic and drink water from the sink, or from a purifier.
4. Borrow books from the library instead of buying them at bookstores.
5. Recycle your old cell phones, laptops, and other electronics when they have been worn out.
6. Buy from the local farmer's market! (There's a really good one in Croton, where the skate park used to be.) It helps to stimulate the local economy.
7. Set your thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter and a few degrees higher in the summer to save on cooling costs.



GO GREEN



## In the Back of my Head

By Maggie Rothberg

Where did it go

What I used to know

That old thing

In the back of my head

"It's going to change"

They said

That old thing in the back of my head

The things that they think

Why, I wouldn't so much as

Blink

Now, my heart would sink

That old thing in the back of my head

Oh, thing

You come not with ease

But pay me a visit

Please?

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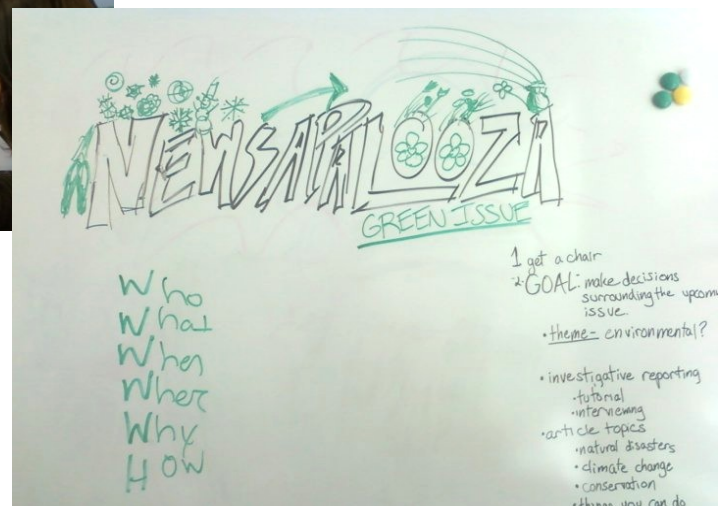
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The girls at Newsapalooza working on their articles.

The whiteboard during a meeting. It has the directions on a board, part of a mini lesson, and some of our goals.

(They all helped design the logo!)



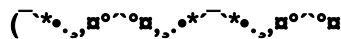


# Desdemona Quack

Dear Desdemona Quack,

I have a twin sister, and it seems like everyone likes her better than me. We have most of the same friends, but when we all hang out together, they always want to talk to her and never to me. I feel left out. What should I do?

Sincerely,



Twin Troubles

Dear Twin Troubles,

Being a twin has its ups and downs. Many people have this idea that it's perfect because your best friend is with you all the time. Being a twin myself, I know that that's not always true. It sounds like you and your sister get along fairly well, but maybe it's time for you to get some space from each other. You might be surprised to find that you like being a on your own for once. And you don't have to have all the same friends. You could try meeting some new people, and still hang out with your old friends too.

Best of Luck,



Desdemona Quack

Dear Desdemona Quack,

What are some ways I can be more "green?" I want to help the environment, but I don't really know what to do that's actually effective. Any tips?

Sincerely,

Not Easy Being Green

Dear Not Easy Being Green,

Earth Day is on the way, and lots of people like you are thinking about how they can help the planet. There are many things that we can do in our everyday lives to decrease our environmental footprint. There are all the ones you hear regularly, like recycling, reusing bottles, using compact fluorescent light bulbs, etc. Those are all definitely good things to do. One I have heard is especially effective is drinking tap water as opposed to bottled. It takes all that plastic to make the bottles (which are non-biodegradable) and plus it's releasing fossil fuels from the factories, and the trucks shipping them across the country. So tap water is good. If the tap water is not safe in your area, you can get a filter for your faucet, or one of those pitchers with built in filters. Just remember, it can be easy to be green!

Sincerely,

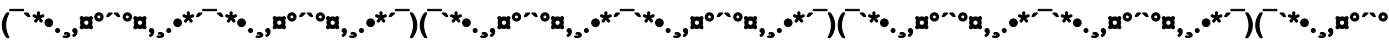
Desdemona Quack





Begin to see yourself as a soul with a body rather than a body with a soul.

**-Wayne Dyer**



Well guys, it's time to sign off! If you would like to contribute an article to *Newsapalooza*, be my guest! Please e-mail articles to me at [newsletter46@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter46@gmail.com). (Also, if you have any questions, or comments, or if you noticed a mistake I can easily fix, e-mail me too!)

I hope you liked this issue of *Newsapalooza*. Look for a new issue in about a month!

Love y'all,

Merf,

Peace, love, happiness, shoez 4 jesus,

*Amanda L.*

