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Ammy Reyes (left), Abraham Cabrera (right), and teacher Andrew Stephens (center) are "Purifighters." That's the nickname given to members of the Mean Green Team at the California Academy for Liberal Studies Early College High School. Students at the charter school, located at Wilshire Boulevard and Hope Street in the Financial District of Downtown (see related story, home page), formed the team as a way to dedicate efforts to address various environmental concerns, including the planned restoration the Los Angeles River to a natural condition. Team members have also focused on helping various communities in the Los Angeles area by recycling cans and bottles at home and in school. The restoration of the river tops their list of priorities, though, a challenge that is summed up in the Mean Green Team's rallying cry of "Come be a Purifighter and leave no river behind!"

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