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!”
Local Hero - 02/16/2007
Sadao Kimura is the patriarch of Kimura Photomart, a camera and supply store at 316 E. 2nd Street that's been serving Litt ... [ Full Story ]

Local Hero - 02/09/2007
14th District Los Angeles City Councilmember Jose Huizar knows something about the process of gaining legal residency and ... [ Full Story ]

Local Hero - 02/02/2007
William Rosado has plenty of work to do all the time, but he manages to enjoy it all because he maintains a balance of int ... [ Full Story ]

Local Hero - 01/26/2007
Grandparents are special people—and Raymond and Margaret Ayala are especially proud of their granddaughter these days. Tha ... [ Full Story ]

Local Hero - 01/19/2007
Eddie Garcia and Genesis Morales are getting to be familiar faces Downtown—and learning how to get around on public transi ... [ Full Story ]