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Julian Barbosa, 3, El Centro

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**CHILDREN HONOR 9/11 VICTIMS**

**Too young to remember**



Students wave flags during the Sept. 11, 2001, commemoration at Finley Elementary School in Holtville on Friday. JOSELITO VILLERO PHOTO

**Holtville students join first responders in tribute to victims of 9/11 terror attacks**

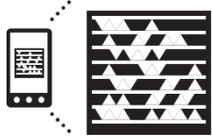
**"History defines our future and you guys are our future."**

— Sheriff's Senior Deputy Randy McCoy

BY ROMAN FLORES | Staff Writer

**H**OLTVILLE — About 550 students gathered with firefighters and law enforcement officials, singing "God Bless America" as Old Glory flew in the morning breeze during an assembly in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001, at Emmett S. Finley Elementary School.

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**WHAT DOES 9/11 MEAN TO YOU?**



**"I feel kind of bad when I think about how many people died on 9/11. People died for us and we have to honor them."**

Camila Gaytan, 10, fifth grade



**"A lot of people died. We should honor the people that saved us."**

Amaya Irungaray, 9, fifth grade



**"(The assembly) was pretty cool. A lot of things happened on 9/11 and I really like learning about stuff."**

Cruz Arellano, 10, fifth grade

**BLACKOUT**

**Power outage probes ahead**

IID's 146,000 customers among those left in the dark

BY ELIZABETH VARIN  
Staff Writer

Local and national groups are still looking into what caused Thursday's power outage that led to millions being in the dark for up to 12 hours, but Imperial Irrigation District officials are saying the local system did what it was supposed to do.

Though IID's 146,000 customers lost power temporarily, it prevented further damage for both the district and the residents, said district spokeswoman Marion Champion.

"The system did act the way it should, which was to shut down," she said.

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**BRAWLEY**

**Hull steps down as chamber manager**

BY CHELCEY ADAMI  
Staff Writer

**BRAWLEY** — Brawley Chamber of Commerce chief executive officer Ron Hull resigned from the position effective Friday.

Hull's letter of resignation stated "that while he was optimistic about the chamber's future, he found it increasingly difficult to work so far away from his family in Utah," according to a chamber press release.

The chamber board decided Friday to postpone filling the position until after the chamber's Cattle Call event and possibly until after New Year's.

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**PROJECT PRIDE**

**Naval chief candidates scrub, resurface Seeley memorial**

BY ELIZABETH VARIN  
Staff Writer

**SEELEY** — The memorial to honor Armed Forces heroes from Seeley got a facelift Friday as sailors put pride into their community.

Plans were in place to put in new white granite

rocks, scrub the sidewalk, resurface the stone monument and repaint and move a bench to fix up the memorial on the southeast portion of John Robert Bates Memorial Park.

The project was part of the CPO Pride Day that was held earlier in

the week in San Diego, said Deputy Public Affairs Officer Kris Haugh.

Those selected to train to become aviation ordinance chiefs chose a community project to build relations within the community.

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A group of aviation ordinance chief candidates from Naval Air Facility El Centro spent Friday cleaning up the memorial for John Robert Bates and other hometown heroes who served in the Armed Forces.

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