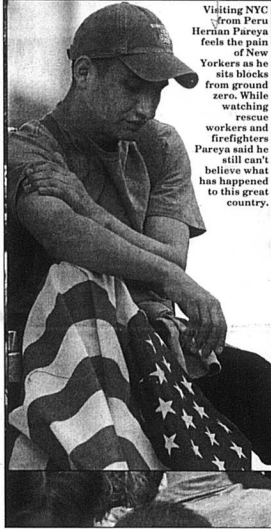


America mourns



Visiting NYC from Peru, Herian Pareya feels the pain of New Yorkers as he sits blocks from ground zero. While watching rescue workers and firefighters, Pareya said he still can't believe what has happened to this great country.



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News Service photos

Thousands pack 6th Ave. in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday evening for a memorial service for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Morehead naval officer confirmed dead after Pentagon attack

Memorial service held Tuesday at MSU

By KIM HAMILTON
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A Morehead family's worst nightmare has been confirmed. The relatives of Edward Earhart, an Aerographer's Mate First Class Petty Officer, were notified of his tragic death at 11 p.m. Friday, Sept.

14, as a result of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon Tuesday, Sept. 11. "It's rough," said his aunt, Claudette Thomas of Morehead. "He was like a son to my parents and like a brother to me." Earhart, 26, worked primarily in a portion of the Pentagon that was hit by one of four hijacked commercial jetliners. Two other planes hit the World Trade Center and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, but had been headed for the White

House, according to news reports. Stationed at the Pentagon, Earhart's job was weather forecasting for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to inform them of conditions for naval exercises which affect ships and air traffic involving



Ed Earhart

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aircraft carriers. As far as the family knows at this point, Earhart is the only military casualty from Kentucky following the terrorist attack, and the first

Lick. He was the grandson of John Carl and Louella Ward Thomas of Morehead, with whom he had lived since age 10. Family members said he inherited his love for the Navy from his grandfather, who is a decorated WWII veteran and four uncles, who are all Navy veterans. His father is an Army decorated Vietnam veteran. Rowan County Judge-executive Clyde Thomas, a

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Safety conscious guidelines

During the fall back-to-school season, it is important to take time for safety, according to Blugrass Family Health in Lexington. Accidents account for about five percent of deaths in the United States and accidents are the fourth most common cause of death. According to Dr. John Langefeld, BFH medical director, these figures can be considerably reduced if each person just paid more attention to basic safety precautions.

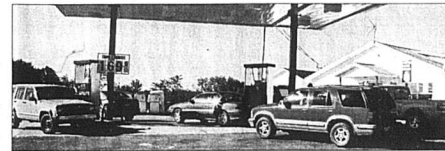
"It is important for people of any age to periodically review common safety precautions. It is important to teach safety tips to youngsters at the appropriate age and to be a mentor and an example of safety consciousness to others," Langefeld said. Some common safety awareness tips include: **Reduce risk on the road** Approximately 50,000 people die on our roads and highways every year. Many more are severely injured. To reduce risk, follow these

suggestions:

- Always wear a seat belt
- Place children in a car seat
- Drive defensively
- Consider the weather
- Don't drive while impaired
- Avoid distractions
- Keep your car properly serviced
- Carry an emergency kit

Prevent falls Trips and falls pose a danger to young children and

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Ron Middleton photo

Panic at the pumps

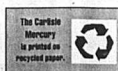
Mere hours after the terrorist attacks on Washington, D.C. and New York, rumors of gas shortages and gas rationing in the area spread even to nearby Menifee County. Crowded pumps, like this one at Ross' Grocery were the norm at pumps all over.

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