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Fr. Kelly celebrates 40 years

Celebrating 40 years of priesthood in honor of Fr. Mike Kelly at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 803 North 1st Street, Groton. Please join us for an Open House on June 12th from 2-4 pm with a short program at 3pm. Hors d'oeuvres and cupcakes will be served.

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Junior Teeners at Watertown Tourney
Legion at Northville Tourney
Anniversaries: Brad & Kay Ruden, Dale & Marge Washnok.
Birthday: Sandi Sippel.
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship
10:00am: Lions Club Traveling Show and Shine, Garage Tour and Picnic at Terry and Judy Thompson's Farm
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
2:00pm: Fr. Mike Kelly's 40th Years of Priesthood at SEAS

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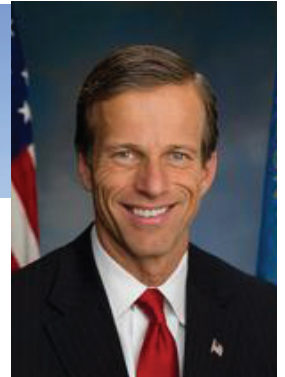
USF Basketball Camp in GHS Arena
Senior Menu: Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Roger Rix, Cheryl Krueger, Hunter Schaller, Andrew Wanner.
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
5:30pm: T-Ball Black at Columbia
6:00pm: Amateurs host Claremont (DH)
6:00pm: U12 Softball hosts Redfield (DH)
6:00pm: U8 Softball hosts Redfield
7:00pm: U10 Softball hosts Redfield
7:30pm: School Board meeting

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John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Closing the Health Care Gap

The wide open spaces that make South Dakota such a unique place to live, work, and raise a family define our landscape, provide habitat for pheasants and other wildlife, and help make agriculture our state's top industry. While the open air and vast plains certainly have their benefits, they can oftentimes present some big challenges too. Proximity to grocery stores, shopping centers, or other day-to-day necessities is obviously important, but what's critical for families across rural areas, like those in South Dakota, is the availability and access to high quality health care.

One of my goals in Washington is to make it easier and cheaper to provide quick access to health care facilities and medical professionals to all South Dakotans. Closing the gap between the care that our rural communities currently receive and the care they deserve is important, and legislation I authored will help make that gap get even smaller.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I'm in a unique position where I'm able to help advance legislation that directly benefits the people of South Dakota, and I take that responsibility seriously. Since taking over as chairman last year, I've looked for opportunities to pursue legislation to achieve that goal.

Last November, the committee took up and unanimously approved my bill, the Rural Health Care Connectivity Act, which will help streamline the process for skilled nursing facilities across the state, like nursing homes, to tap into federal funding for telecommunications and broadband services used to provide health care to rural communities. The full Senate recognized the importance of my legislation, which is why my colleagues approved the bill by voice vote and sent it to the president for his signature.

The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society (Good Sam), which is headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, operates hundreds of skilled nursing facilities throughout the country. Most of them are located in rural communities. Through technical advancements and infrastructure located at their headquarters in Sioux Falls, Good Sam remotely connects rural patients with hospitals and doctors who are hundreds – sometimes thousands – of miles away.

Good Sam's president and CEO, David Horazdovsky, praised the Senate's passage of my bill, saying it "will offer much-needed assistance to residents of Good Samaritan and other skilled nursing care centers in a variety of locations in South Dakota and in other rural areas of the country."

If everything in Washington was viewed through a prism of effectiveness and efficiency, we'd all be better for it. Telehealth meets both those standards, and I'm proud to be a part of this movement in any way I can, because making it easier for health care facilities to establish the necessary infrastructure for bringing telehealth even further into the 21st century is an investment worth making.

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Give The Gift Of Life

Three-year-old Stella was a joy to her parents. Her smile lit up the room and she was a very happy little girl. Then, Stella's family suffered a trial they never expected. They tragically lost Stella in a car accident. Through her grief, Stella's mom insisted that Stella be a donor, and her eyes were given to a blind man who, for the first time in his life, was able to see.

The man who received his sight was just one of the individuals who was helped by Stella. Through organ, eye and tissue donation, one person can save or enhance the lives of up to 60 people. For the more than 120,000 people across the United States who are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, one person's decision to register as a donor can be far-reaching.

In 2013, I proposed and the Legislature passed a bill to establish a new online donor registry to make it easier for South Dakotans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors. Rather than waiting for their next trip to renew their driver's license, South Dakotans can go online, at any time, to become a donor.

According to LifeSource, the new registry is having an impact. Since 2011, the percentage of South Dakotans age 18 and older who are registered has increased from 53 percent to 62 percent. That's a relatively high percentage compared to other states, but I think we can do better.

Each day, 21 people die waiting for an organ transplant. Every 10 minutes a new name is added to the national waiting list. The soldier who needs skin grafts, the boy whose lungs aren't functioning, the woman with failing kidneys – they are all someone's child, parent, grandparent, sibling or friend. Each person on the transplant list has loved ones who are praying for a phone call.

Those on the waiting list can only be helped by the generosity of individuals who choose to say 'yes' to organ donation. The next time you renew your driver's license, check the box to be an organ, eye and tissue donor. Or, even better, go to DonateLifeSD.org to register now.

Death is inevitable for all of us – and, it is especially challenging when it comes too soon or unexpectedly. Yet, choosing to be a donor can be a silver lining. It is an opportunity to save the life of another. Linda and I are donors; won't you join us?

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The Lawlessness of the Obama Administration

Throughout President Obama's time in office, he and officials within his administration have acted without deference to the law when issuing new rules, regulations and mandates. The executive branch has, in many cases, chosen to ignore the two other branches of government which the Constitution explicitly states are coequals. This undermines each branch's ability to keep the others in check. The president gets around the system of checks and balances by issuing executive orders, having his departments issue regulations or directives and – in some cases – willfully ignoring the law of the land. Even worse, many of these rules and regulations are negatively impacting South Dakotans. In some cases, it takes the courts years to overturn these rules.

Many South Dakotans are familiar with the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps. It is a regulation that gives the Army Corps and the EPA control of nearly all water, including man-made water management systems, farm ponds, drainage ditches and any other water that the EPA decides has a "significant nexus" to downstream water. It would call for farmers, ranchers and other landowners to comply with burdensome and costly permitting requirements. A number of states across the country, including South Dakota, have sued the federal government to stop the WOTUS rule from being implemented, and last fall a judge issued a nationwide stay to halt the rule. However, reports have recently surfaced that the Army Corps has been moving forward with implementation of the rule anyway, blatantly violating the law.

Another Obama administration agency, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), is being investigated for its apparent failure to keep official records of employees' electronic communications. This is in direct violation of the Federal Records Act, a law put into place in 1950 to establish a system for appropriate record keeping within federal government agencies. Keep in mind, the IRS has a history of conveniently losing important records. Emails and computer equipment were destroyed around the time that congressional committees held hearings to examine the IRS' targeting of conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status.

The Supreme Court is currently reviewing a case related to President Obama's 2014 executive order on immigration. The executive order completely changed U.S. immigration law, delayed deportations of millions of undocumented immigrants living in the U.S., and gave legal status and government benefits to more than four million undocumented immigrants. Twenty-four states sued the federal government over this executive action, and a federal judge in Texas ordered the Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security to stop processing applications from undocumented immigrants. However, the Department of Homeland Security admitted to granting more than 100,000 permits after the injunction was ordered, and even worse, officials at the Department of Justice knew what was happening the entire time and did nothing to stop it.

These are just a few examples of the Obama administration ignoring the law to promote the president's liberal, progressive agenda with little regard for those who would be affected. Our founding fathers drafted the Constitution to prevent one branch of government from having more power than the other two. It would do our next president well to remember that he or she is responsible for upholding the law rather than manipulating it to fit his or her political agenda.

Congress has the ability to vote on, and has frequently passed, resolutions of disapproval of the president's many regulations, but the president continues to veto them. To overturn that veto, the Senate needs a two-thirds majority vote. With the current makeup of the Senate, that has become nearly impossible. Additionally, states and other entities have sued the administration in an attempt to stop these infractions. But, it takes years for the courts to enforce the laws that we have on the books, slowing down the process by which the powers of the three branches of government are balanced.

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Today in Weather History

1881 - Severe thunderstorms spawned more than half a dozen tornadoes in the Lower Missouri Valley. Five of the tornadoes touched down near Saint Joseph MO. In south central Kansas a tornado nearly wiped out the town of Floral. Hail and high winds struck Iowa and southern Minnesota. In Minnesota, Blue Earth City reported five inches of rain in one hour. (David Ludlum)

1947 - A heavy wet snow blanketed much of southern and central Wyoming, and gave many places their heaviest and latest snow of record. Totals included 18.4 inches at Lander, 8.7 inches at Cheyenne, and 4.5 inches at Casper. (11th-12th) (The Weather Channel)

1969 - Record late season snows covered parts of Montana. Five inches was reported at Great Falls and east of Broadus. Billings, MT, tied their June record with lows of 32 degrees on the 12th and the 13th. (The Weather Channel)

1983 - The state of Utah was besieged by floods and mudslides. Streets in downtown Salt Lake City were sandbagged and turned into rivers of relief. The town of Thistle was completely inundated as a mudslide made a natural dam. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced softball size hail around Fremont and Ames, and 3.5 inches of rain in less than one hour. Four and a half inches in less than an hour caused flooding around Ithica, NE. A tornado destroyed a mobile home near Broken Bow, NE, injuring both occupants. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Fifteen cities in the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Asheville with a reading of 40 degrees. Drought conditions continued to intensify across the eastern half of the nation. Rainfall at Nashville, TN, was running 12.5 inches below normal. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Tennessee Valley to the Central Appalachians in the afternoon and evening, and produced severe weather in Oklahoma and Texas during the evening and night. Thunderstorms spawned ten tornadoes, and there were 164 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 100 mph at Amarillo, TX, and wind gusts to 110 mph at Denton TX. Hail three inches in diameter was reported at Tucumcari NM. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005 - A tornado in Hammond, Wisconsin damaged 22 homes and produced \$3.6 million in damage (Associated Press).

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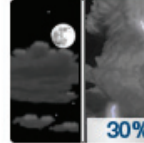
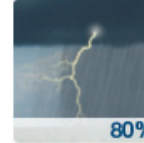


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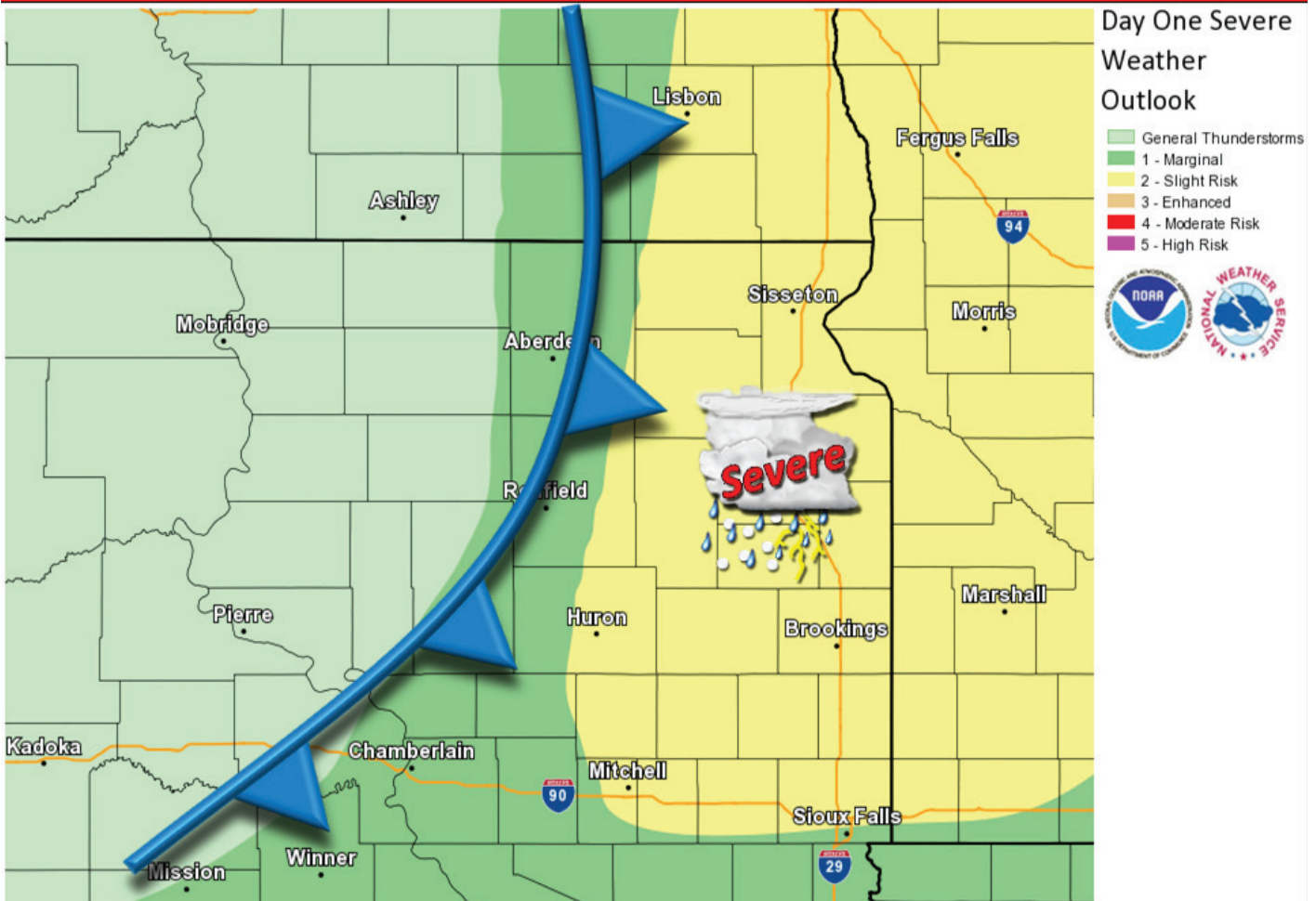
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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
40%	20%		30%	80%	50%	
Chance T-storms and Breezy	Slight Chance T-storms then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Chance T-storms	T-storms	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny
High: 90 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 79 °F

Strong to Severe Thunderstorm Possible this Afternoon



Published on: 06/12/2016 at 5:12AM

A surface low pressure system and associated cold front will slide across the region today. Showers and thunderstorms will develop along the front with strong to severe storms possible. Locations east of the James River Valley will have the best potential of seeing severe storms.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 93.3 F at 5:17 PM

Heat Index: 96.0 F at 4:25 PM

Low Outside Temp: 68.4 F at 6:34 AM

High Gust: 23.0 Mph at 9:40 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 103° in 1956

Record Low: 37 in 2012

Average High: 76°F

Average Low: 53°F

Average Precip in June: 1.43

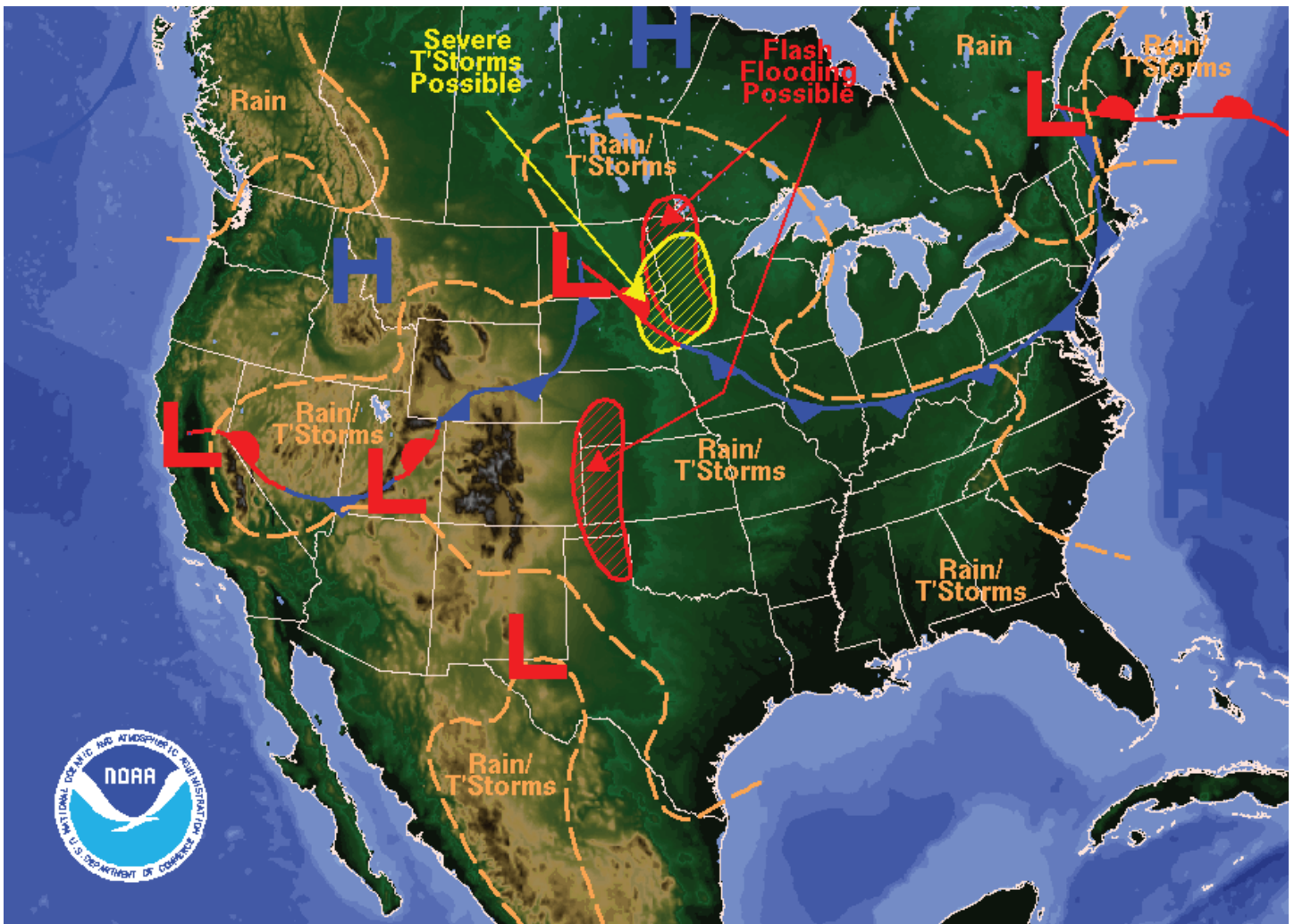
Precip to date in June: 0.72

Average Precip to date: 8.57

Precip Year to Date: 5.71

Sunset Tonight: 9:22 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:44 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jun 12, 2016, issued 4:48 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Hamrick based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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I KNEW I WOULD BE ASKED

A nervous witness sat before the judge and jury. Everyone could see his fear. He could not hide it. The attorney turned to him and asked, "Tell me, did you see the accident?"

"Yes sir, I did," he answered.

"How far away were you?" asked the lawyer.

"Twenty-two feet and two inches," he replied.

"How can you be so specific?" came the next question.

"I knew some lawyer would ask me," he said, "so I measured it."

The motto of the Coast Guard is "Semper Paratus" – which means "Always Prepared."

Writing in his first letter, the Apostle Peter said, "If someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it."

Some Christians believe that faith is such a personal matter that it should never be discussed publicly. However, when the opportunity arises we must always be prepared to speak for our Lord. We need not be offensive or obnoxious, but gentle, sincere and able to share our message of salvation and hope.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to realize that, ready or not, we are Your witnesses in the world. May we prepare today to speak Your truth tomorrow. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

News from the Associated Press

State hosting event to recruit women to become troopers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol is hosting a recruiting event next week in an effort to increase the number of women who are state troopers.

The Highway Patrol has scheduled the recruiting seminar for Tuesday at the Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls. Current female troopers will be available to discuss topics such as the application process, training, life as a state trooper and the challenges that come with the position.

Recruiting events to invite women to join the force will also be held in Pierre and Aberdeen later this month.

The Highway Patrol is accepting applications through July 8 for the next class of recruits. Two women were hired during the last recruiting process.

Feds urge employers to protect workers as temperatures rise

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal officials are urging employers to protect their workers as temperatures are expected to soar into the 90s throughout the Great Plains.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration says employers should schedule frequent water breaks, allow time to rest and provide shade.

Much of the central U.S. is expected to swelter this weekend thanks to the hottest weather of the year. The National Weather Service says temperatures in parts of South Dakota are expected to reach mid-90s to near 100 degrees Saturday afternoon.

OSHA says 2,630 workers in 2014 suffered from heat illness and 18 workers died from heat stroke and related causes on the job. The agency says the majority of recent heat-related deaths it investigated involved workers who had been on the job for three days or less.

Man pleads no contest to manslaughter in decades-old case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Florida man accused of killing his girlfriend in 1989 in South Dakota has pleaded no contest to a second-degree manslaughter charge.

The 57-year-old Kim Aune from Florida's Lee County entered his plea Friday in Sioux Falls after reaching an agreement with prosecutors that dismissed a first-degree murder charge. He will be sentenced Wednesday.

Aune was charged last year in the 1989 death of 21-year-old Kimberly Eidsness. The coroner at the time ruled her death a suicide, but authorities say another coroner changed the cause of death to undetermined decades later after new evidence was discovered.

Defense attorney Beau Blouin says Aune's plea agreement calls for a suspended sentence of 10 years. Aune will not be placed on supervised probation and plans to return to Florida after he is sentenced.

Proposed premium hikes rattle consumers paying their own way

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

TOM MURPHY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of people who pay the full cost of their health insurance will face the sting of rising premiums next year, with no financial help from government subsidies.

Renewal notices bearing the bad news will go out this fall, just as the presidential election is in the homestretch.

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"I don't know if I could swallow another 30 or 40 percent without severely cutting into other things I'm trying to do, like retirement savings or reducing debt," said Bob Byrnes, of Blaine, Minnesota, a Twin Cities suburb. His monthly premium of \$524 is already about 50 percent more than he was paying in 2015, and he has a higher deductible.

President Barack Obama's health law provides income-based subsidies for consumers who buy individual policies on HealthCare.gov and state insurance markets. About 10 million people get assistance, helping reduce the uninsured rate to a historically low 9 percent.

But there's no subsidy for those making more than \$47,520 for an individual and \$97,200 for a family of four — cutoffs that represent four times the federal poverty level. Also, subsidies are not available for consumers at any income level who purchase outside of HealthCare.gov or a state marketplace. Those who remain uninsured risk fines.

Premiums are expected to climb next year in many areas because major insurers have taken significant financial losses under the health law. Enrollment has been lower than anticipated, new customers were sicker than expected and a government system to stabilize the markets had problems.

"People receiving subsidies can protect themselves from premium increases, but others who buy their own coverage don't have that option," said Larry Levitt, who tracks the health law for the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. He estimated 5 million to 7 million consumers nationally may be paying full freight.

Byrnes, a manager for a medical courier service, says he supports the law's goal of expanded coverage, but he hasn't found his policy particularly affordable.

In the small East Texas city of Lufkin, Kirk Smith buys his policy from the only insurer available, which also happens to be the state's largest.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas is seeking an average premium increase of nearly 60 percent for 2017, and Smith says his monthly bill of about \$350 is already about as much as a car payment. Moreover, he's had to drive to a neighboring county for medical care because he couldn't get an appointment close to home.

"I've got a problem when you can't see somebody in the county, and they want an increase?" said Smith, who works for a contractor installing telecommunications equipment. He said the government should subsidize everyone in rural communities with no insurer competition.

Michelle Scarola of Queens, a borough of New York City, said she has received notice that her 2017 premiums will be going up in a range of 8 percent to 25 percent. Scarola, who's in the midst of a career transition from advertising to interior design, isn't happy that her insurer dropped the hospital network she's interested in.

"For people like me who are in the middle, there is very limited choice, and now that limited choice is going to get more expensive," she said.

Insurance broker Liz Gallops in Raleigh, North Carolina, says she tries to let customers vent about large increases. Some see insurance bills that surpass their mortgage payments. The state's biggest insurer is proposing average increases of nearly 19 percent.

"I've had people yell on the phone," she said. "I've had people curse."

Back in 2010, the Obama administration used public anger about premium increases as leverage to win passage of the health law. It now says worries about next year's premiums are premature because final rates have not been approved. Officials say people who don't receive subsidies still have options.

For example, some people buying directly from an insurer might find that they qualify for subsidies if they go through HealthCare.gov.

Those who make too much for a subsidy still can shop for lower premiums. Under the health law,

insurers have to accept consumers with health problems. People are no longer locked into a plan indefinitely.

Another wrinkle is that people who pay their own premiums may be able to later deduct the cost on their income taxes. But the rules are complex, and it's not the same as getting an upfront subsidy.

It may seem counterintuitive that premium increases for health law policies also hit people who get no financial assistance. It's happening because the law created one big insurance pool in each state for consumers buying individual coverage, whether or not they go through markets such as HealthCare.gov.

Many people respond to premium hikes by switching to skimpier coverage, yet that leads to bigger medical bills if they need treatment. Some insurance brokers encourage customers to get plans linked to a health savings account. But rising premiums can cut into how much people stash away.

1 year after church shooting, much is the same in Charleston

JEFFREY COLLINS, Associated Press

JONATHAN DREW, Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — After nine black parishioners were slain at a Charleston church, South Carolina did what many thought would never happen: It moved the Confederate flag off Statehouse grounds.

The June 2015 massacre resonated across the country as streets, parks and even lakes were stripped of the names of Confederates.

But for the most part, Charleston and other areas of the South remain unchanged.

Charleston's Confederate commemorations remain intact — and longstanding racial issues endure.

A white man who police said hated blacks and posted photos of himself with the Confederate flag is charged with the killings.

Dot Scott is president of the NAACP's Charleston branch. Scott said many people reacted strongly to the shootings, but the question remains of how attitudes and actions will change in the long-term.

Police: Approximately 20 killed in Florida club shooting

MIKE SCHNEIDER, Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A gunman wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun took hostages and opened fire inside a crowded Florida nightclub, killing approximately 20 people and wounding 42 others before dying in a gunfight with SWAT officers, police said Sunday.

Police Chief John Mina also said the shooter had some sort of "suspicious device." He said the suspect exchanged gunfire with an officer working at the club around 2 a.m., then went back inside and took hostages.

Around 5 a.m., authorities sent in a SWAT team to rescue the hostages, and the suspect then died in a gunfight with those officers. Mina said police have not determined an exact number of casualties, but that "approximately 20" people were dead inside the club.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agent in Charge Danny Banks said during a news conference that the mass shooting is being investigated as an act of terrorism. He says authorities are looking into whether this was an act of domestic or international terror, and if the shooter was a lone wolf.

"This is an incident, as I see it, that we certainly classify as domestic terror incident," said Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings.

Police had said previously on Twitter that there was a "controlled explosion" at the scene of the shooting at Pulse Orlando. Mina said that noise was caused by a device intended to distract the shooter.

Mina Justice was outside the club early Sunday trying to contact her 30-year-old son Eddie, who texted her when the shooting happened and asked her to call police. He told her he ran into a bathroom with other club patrons to hide. He then texted her: "He's coming."

"The next text said: 'He has us, and he's in here with us,'" she said. "That was the last conversation."

Dozens of police vehicles, including a SWAT team, swarmed the area around the club. At least two police pickup trucks were seen taking what appeared to be shooting victims to the Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Pulse Orlando posted on its own Facebook page around 2 a.m.: "Everyone get out of pulse and keep running." Just before 6 a.m., the club posted an update: "As soon as we have any information we will update everyone. Please keep everyone in your prayers as we work through this tragic event. Thank you for your thoughts and love."

Police said local, state and federal agencies were investigating.

The incident follows the fatal shooting late Friday of 22-year-old singer Christina Grimmie, who was killed after her concert in Orlando by a 27-year-old Florida man who later killed himself. Grimmie was a YouTube sensation and former contestant on "The Voice."

Jon Alamo said he was at the back of one of the club's rooms when a man holding a weapon came into the front of the room.

"I heard 20, 40, 50 shots," Alamo said. "The music stopped."

Club-goer Rob Rick said it happened around, 2 a.m., just before closing time.

"Everybody was drinking their last sip," he said.

He estimated more than 100 people were still inside when he heard shots, got on the ground and crawled toward a DJ booth. A bouncer knocked down a partition between the club area and an area in the back where only workers are allowed. People inside were able to then escape through the back of the club.

Christopher Hansen said he was in the VIP lounge when he started hearing gunshots. He continued to hear shooting even after he emerged, where police were telling people to back away from the club. He saw injured people being tended to across the street.

"I was thinking, are you kidding me? So I just dropped down. I just said please, please, please, I want to make it out," he said. "And when I did, I saw people shot. I saw blood. You hope and pray you don't get shot."

Florida police seek motive for killing of 'The Voice' singer

MIKE SCHNEIDER, Associated Press

FRAZIER MOORE, Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Christina Grimmie was a vivacious, outgoing singer whose career was born on social media and propelled toward the big time by television. She didn't consider herself a famous person, not like the judges on "The Voice," where she competed, but she had a following that was as enthusiastic about her music as she was.

Kevin Loibl wasn't like her. While she was a YouTube star, he seemed to be a shadow of Grimmie's online presence. He left little trace online.

The two apparently had no personal connection to one another until Friday night when police said Loibl traveled 100 miles from his home in St. Petersburg to an Orlando concert venue. There, he shot Grimmie as she was signing autographs for fans after performing. He then fatally shot himself after

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being tackled by Grimmie's brother, Marcus.

Grimmie died several hours later early Saturday. Millions of people, far more than those who loved her for her music, were shocked and saddened by her death.

"She was doing a meet-and-greet, just signing autographs and selling merchandise. This white male approached her and opened fire, striking her," Orlando Police Chief John Mina said Saturday at a news conference. "There is no indication that he knew her. We're looking into that to try to find a motive for the crime."

Grimmie, 22, isn't the only person in the entertainment industry to have been killed by a stranger. Preceding her were John Lennon, designer Gianni Versace and 1980s sitcom star Rebecca Shaeffer.

"Christina was a natural, gifted talent that comes along so rarely," wrote singer Adam Levine, who was Grimmie's mentor on "The Voice." "She was taken from us too soon."

Grimmie was most widely known from those TV appearances two years ago, when she rocked listeners with her renditions of songs including "Wrecking Ball" and "Can't Help Falling in Love," and finished third.

"The Voice" paid tribute Saturday to Grimmie on its official Twitter page: "There are no words. We lost a beautiful soul with an amazing voice."

Grimmie first gained attention seven years ago when she posted online a video of herself playing piano and singing "Don't Wanna Be Torn" by Miley Cyrus as television alter ego Hannah Montana.

In 2011, Entertainment Weekly crowned her "the veritable queen of YouTube musicians," already with nearly 1 million subscribers (she has 3.2 million now), an EP of original songs (titled "Find Me"), a single ("Advice") that was getting airplay on Radio Disney, and an opening spot touring with Selena Gomez.

Her growing success sparked Grimmie's move to Los Angeles, far from her hometown of Marlton, New Jersey, a small community some 20 miles from Philadelphia. She was intent on finding success on her own terms, writing songs that expressed her interests, "not just dancing and getting drunk and blah-blah-blah," as she told Entertainment Weekly. "I wanted to write with feeling and emotion."

"She just had a really powerful voice. She was incredibly talented and she sang from her heart," said 17-year-old Kaitlin Martin, a fan, who was waiting outside Orlando's The Plaza Live concert venue Friday night when she heard loud "pops" coming from inside.

"We thought at first they were balloons ... but then security started running all over the place yelling at people to get out because someone has a gun and someone is shooting. Everyone is just running all over the place," said Martin, who traveled to see to the concert from Brunswick, Georgia. "It was chaos."

Detectives were searching Loibl's cellphone and social media accounts looking for clues as to a motive, Mina said, but they weren't aware the suspect had stalked Grimmie.

At Loibl's home, in St. Petersburg, someone left a note on the front door, expressing the "deepest sorrow" for the loss "to the family, friends & fans of the very talented, loving Christina Grimmie." The note said there would be no other comment. No one answered the door to the one-story house that had a rusted, metal animal trap in the yard.

Unarmed security guards at The Plaza Live had checked bags and purses for contraband, Mina said, but there were no metal detectors or pat-downs of people as they entered the concert.

Loibl was armed with two handguns, two loaded magazines and a hunting knife, he said.

Police officers credited the singer's brother with preventing the gunman from hurting others by tackling him. Around 120 others were present at the time.

"Very heroic actions by Marcus Grimmie to jump in and it definitely could have prevented further loss of life," said Mina.

All events at The Plaza Live have been suspended until further notice, a spokeswoman said. "We

appreciate everyone's understanding and support during this traumatic time," said a statement on its website.

Loibl had made travel arrangements to come to Orlando alone, as well as travel arrangements to go back home, but he didn't have a car, Mina said. The police chief wouldn't elaborate further.

"It does appear that he came here to commit this crime," Mina said.

Students to show support for victim at Stanford graduation

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PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Stanford University graduating students and women's rights advocates plan to use the school's commencement ceremony to again express their anger over the six-month jail sentence given to a former student for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman.

Students will demonstrate Sunday during "Wacky Walk," a rambunctious, slow-moving stroll by graduating students dressed in zany costumes that precedes the official graduation events. Organizers are asking them to carry signs and decorate their caps with messages showing solidarity to the woman sexually assaulted on campus last year by former Stanford swimmer Brock Turner.

The woman's emotional statement to the court about how the assault devastated her life was widely shared online, attracting national attention to the case.

Turner, 20, of Oakwood, Ohio, is scheduled to be released from Santa Clara County jail in September, after completing three months of his sentence due to good behavior.

His six-months in jail sentence, which also orders him to register as a sex offender for life, touched off an emotional national debate about leniency and campus sexual assault and sparked outrage with critics collecting thousands of signatures to demand trial Judge Aaron Persky be removed from the bench.

The women's advocacy group UltraViolet submitted more than 800,000 signatures to the Commission on Judicial Performance's San Francisco offices Friday in a symbolic effort for Persky's removal. The group also has filed a formal misconduct complaint.

The group said it has commissioned a plane to carry a banner reading "Protect Survivors. Not Rapists. #PerskyMustGo" to fly over Stanford University Stadium ahead of Sunday's commencement ceremonies.

"Stanford students are justifiably outraged over a so-called justice system that protects privileged white rapists over the survivors of their crimes — and nearly 900k UltraViolet members from California to Florida agree," said Nita Chaudhary, co-founder of UltraViolet. "With one in four women sexually assaulted while in college, we need judges that take rape seriously, and that's why Judge Persky should be removed from the bench."

UltraViolet said it has also paid for a full page ad in The Stanford Daily's graduation issue inviting students and alumni to take a stand against rape and that bicycles carrying billboards calling for the judge's removal will accompany student protesters. The bikes are a nod to two graduate students who were riding their bicycles when they confronted the freshman as he attacked the unconscious victim by a garbage bin.

"I sleep with two bicycles that I drew taped above my bed to remind myself there are heroes in this story. That we are looking out for one another," the woman said in her statement to the court.

The Tony Awards will cap a special season of inclusion

MARK KENNEDY, AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The year 2015 began with a musical opening downtown that seemed an unlikely subject for a hit show — a hip-hop biography of a Founding Father. On Sunday, this show about American history is expected to make its own history — again.

Despite the presence of new host James Corden and the arrival of Barbra Streisand for the first time since 1970, "Hamilton" will be front and center at the Tony Awards at the Beacon Theatre.

The musical is nominated for a record 16 awards — with some of the actors vying in the same categories — and can actually only win 13, which would break the 12-Tony record held by "The Producers."

Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip-hop-flavored biography about the first U.S. treasury secretary starring diverse actors has become a cultural phenomenon, bringing attention to Broadway like no other. It has been discussed in the presidential campaign, influenced the debate over the nation's currency and its stars have become regulars on early morning and late-night TV shows.

The Tonys are expected to be a sort of victory lap for a show that has swept every major award. Miranda has already this year won a Pulitzer Prize, a Grammy, the Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama Inspired by American History and a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant.

"Hamilton" and the 38 new productions this season helped Broadway's attendance figures hit a record high, up 1.6 percent to 13.3 million ticket buyers. The box offices reported a record total gross of \$1.37 billion — up 0.6 percent from the previous season.

In the shadow of "Hamilton" came unusual musical stories for Broadway: an unhappy wife and pie-maker in "Waitress;" the inside story of a forgotten 1920s African-American musical in "Shuffle Along;" and a bluegrass show about an unwed mother in the South in "Bright Star." One of the most dark and twisted shows was "American Psycho," with a knife-wielding hero smeared in blood.

The plays and play revivals included a look at Liberian sex slaves in "Eclipsed," a fractious family's Thanksgiving get-together in "The Humans," a tale about what might happen when the current English queen dies in "King Charles III" and two Arthur Miller unconventional revivals of "The Crucible" and "A View from the Bridge." In one, the actors were barefoot. In the other, a wolf-like dog made a chilling appearance.

Thomas Kail, nominated for a best directing Tony for "Hamilton," said he's noticed a shift away from traditional Broadway fare and an embrace of unconventional tales.

"Inherently what I think Lin's show is saying and what so many of the shows this season are saying is, 'Your story matters.' It can be about a waitress in a little town. It can be about a woman in the South. It can be about a group of dockworkers. It can be about a musical in the 1920s," he said. "We're listening and we heard you and we're responding to that."

The season also was rich in diversity among actors: Fourteen of the 40 Tony nominees for acting in plays and musicals — or 35 percent — are actors of color. And there are more non-whites nominated on the other side of the stage, including choreographer Savion Glover, directors George C. Wolfe and Liesl Tommy, and playwright Danai Gurira.

Women also broke records: "Eclipsed" is the first ever Broadway play to feature a director, writer and cast who are all women and, incidentally, all black women. On the musical side, "Waitress" marked the first time that the four top creative spots in a show — composer, choreographer, book writer and director — were four women.

Deaf performers also shined on Broadway in the revival of the musical "Spring Awakening," which also featured the first-ever performer in a wheelchair to perform in a Broadway show. The show used American Sign Language, attracting new theater-goers.

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"It's a season that has brought audiences to Broadway that probably wouldn't have been interested or don't get the chance to come and see themselves onstage portrayed in ways where they feel moved and connected," said Adrienne Warren, who is nominated for a Tony in "Shuffle Along."

"That's changing. Audiences are changing. Stories are changing. The narrative is changing. This is a season where I see that we are in charge of the narrative and we're pushing the boundaries way past what we've seen in other seasons."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 12, the 164th day of 2016. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature adopted a Declaration of Rights.

On this date:

In 1920, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Warren G. Harding for president on the tenth ballot; Calvin Coolidge was nominated for vice president.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Republican national convention in Cleveland. (Coolidge had become president in 1923 upon the sudden death of Warren G. Harding.)

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, received a diary for her 13th birthday, less than a month before she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.

In 1956, the Flag of the United States Army was officially adopted under an executive order signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)

In 1965, the British government announced that The Beatles would each be made an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace later in the year.

In 1967, the Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia*, struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1975, an Indian court found Prime Minister Indira Gandhi guilty of electoral corruption and barred her from holding office for six years; Gandhi rejected calls for her to resign.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

In 1991, Russians went to the polls to elect Boris N. Yeltsin president of their republic.

In 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slashed to death outside her Los Angeles home. (O.J. Simpson was later acquitted of the killings in a criminal trial, but was eventually held liable in a civil action.) Boeing's new 777 jetliner went on its first test flight.

Ten years ago: Al-Qaida in Iraq named a successor to slain leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi (AH'-boo MOO'-sahb ahl-zahr-KOW'-ee), Abu Ayyub al-Masri (ah-BOO' eye-YOOB' ahl MAH'-sree), who was killed in a U.S.-Iraqi air strike in April 2010. FBI statistics showed violent crime across the U.S. had surged in 2005 by the largest margin in 15 years. Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (RAWTH'-lihs-bur-gur) broke his jaw and nose in a motorcycle crash. Composer Gyorgy Ligeti died in Vienna, Austria, at age 83.

Five years ago: The Dallas Mavericks won their first NBA title by winning Game 6 of the finals against

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the Miami Heat, 105-95. "The Book of Mormon" took home nine Tony Awards, including the prize for best musical; "War Horse" won five Tonys, including the best play award.

One year ago: Joyce Mitchell, a worker at the maximum-security Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York, was arrested on charges of helping two convicted killers escape; Mitchell later pleaded guilty to promoting prison contraband and was sentenced to 2-1/3 to seven years in prison. Monica Lewis, 93, an actress, singer and voice of the Chiquita Banana cartoon character, died in Woodland Hills, California. Actor-comedian Rick Ducommun, 62, died in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Today's Birthdays: Banker/philanthropist David Rockefeller is 101. Former President George H.W. Bush is 92. Singer Vic Damone is 88. Songwriter Richard M. Sherman is 88. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 86. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 75. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 75. Singer Roy Harper is 75. Pop singer Len Barry is 74. Actor Roger Aaron Brown is 67. Rock singer-musician John Wetton (Asia, King Crimson) is 67. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 65. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 64. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burnette is 63. Actor Timothy Busfield is 59. Singer Meredith Brooks is 58. Actress Jenilee Harrison is 58. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 57. Rapper Grandmaster Dee (Whodini) is 54. Actor Paul Schulze is 54. Actor Eamonn Walker is 54. Actress Paula Marshall is 52. Actress Frances O'Connor is 49. Actor Rick Hoffman is 46. Actor Mel Rodriguez is 43. Actor Jason Mewes is 42. Actor Michael Muhney is 41. Blues musician Kenny Wayne Shepherd is 39. Actor Wil Horneff is 37. Singer Robyn is 37. Actor Dave Franco is 31. Country singer Chris Young is 31. Actor Luke Youngblood is 30. Rap group MC Jay Are is 27. Actor Ryan Malgarini is 24.

Thought for Today: "It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor." — Eric Hoffer, American philosopher (1902-1983).