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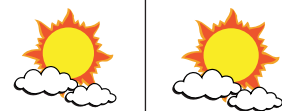
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MONDAY

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Number
Of S.D.
Kids In
Poverty On
The Rise

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Child poverty statistics for
South Dakota are not shaping up
like its Midwestern neighbors.
South Dakota ranked 26 out of 52
in terms of overall well-being of
children, down 15 places since
2001.

Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska
remained in the top 10 for child
well being, according to statistics
in the Kids Count Data Book
released by the Annie E. Casey
Foundation.

The study looked at several
indicators from 2008, including
the percent of low birthweight
babies, teen death rate and the
percent of children living in fami-
lies where no parent has full-time,
year-round employment.

The study defined poverty as
a family with income below
\$21,834 for two adults and two
kids in 2008.

By mass usage of their pro-
grams, area agencies agreed these
statewide numbers reflect the
child poverty situation in Yankton.

KIDS, Page 6A please

Neuharth Award
For Excellence
Winners Named

VERMILLION (AP) — Media
executives Cathie Black and
Frank Vega are this year's winners
of the Al Neuharth Award for
Excellence in the Media.

Black is chairwoman of
Hearst Magazines, and Vega is
chairman and publisher of the
San Francisco Chronicle.

The annual lifetime
achievement award is named
for USA Today founder Al
Neuharth, a South Dakota
native and 1950 University of
South Dakota graduate.

The presentation is sched-
uled Sept. 30 at the Wayne S.
Knutson Theatre at USD's
Warren M. Lee Center for the
Fine Arts.

SEEING CLEARLY



Haitian Pierre "Fritz" Fritznier (right) underwent his second cataract procedure
in five years at Yankton's Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital on Tuesday. Standing
with him is Irene resident Dave Hansen, with whom Fritznier works in the non-
profit organization, Helping Hands for Haiti.

Local Eye Procedures Help
Haitian Keep His Sight

BY TRAVIS GULBRANDSON
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After a visit to Yankton, everything
looks much clearer — literally — for
one Haitian man.

Pierre "Fritz" Fritznier paid a visit to
Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital on
Tuesday for his second cataract proce-
dure there in five years.

Fritznier expressed his gratitude to
the hospital, and to his friends from
the area who made his surgery possible.

"I'm grateful to the United States,
and I love the United States," he said.
"Haiti is my mother, my real mother,
and after that, the United States is my
godmother. . . ."

"My mother doesn't have enough
money to treat me, so I come to my
godmother," he added with a laugh.

Fritznier's surgeries came about
through his association with Dr. Dan
Johnson of Yankton Bone, Joint and
Sports Medicine Center. Johnson has
been to Haiti several times, and on two

of these visits, he has helped to make
arrangements for Fritznier to be treated
in the U.S.

While he underwent the procedure
for his left eye this week, Fritznier's
right eye was operated on in 2005.

"I had a problem with that eye since
1996," he said. "Each time I went to see
a Haitian doctor, the first one just gave
me a prescription to buy new glasses,
and in 2003, the other one said I didn't
have (any problems) in my eyes, so he
could not do anything for me — despite
the fact that I could not see in it."

When he comes to South Dakota,
Fritznier stays with Irene residents Dave
Hansen.

"He is my number-one friend. He is
the one who helped me get here, so
without him I would be a blind man,"
Fritznier said.

He will leave Hansen's residence to
return to Haiti today (Saturday).

"I've known Fritz for 20 years,"

HAITI, Page 16A please

SEEING RED



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Pierre's Allen Goodman tags out Vermillion's Dan Hansen
after Hansen executed a bunt during the first inning of their
elimination game in the South Dakota State Class A Amateur
Baseball Tournament Friday at Sioux Falls Stadium.

Local Sack Pack Program
Expanding To Third School

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A program that began less than a year ago in one
Yankton elementary school to help provide meals to
students who otherwise might not have proper
nutrition on weekends has announced it is expand-
ing for the second time.

"The Sack Pack Program has taken off better
than we could have ever hoped," said the Rev. Joe
Schulte, spokesperson for the group. "Our goal for
the first year was to serve the at-risk students at
Webster Elementary. We were able to expand into
Lincoln Elementary at semester time. By the end of
the year, we were serving more than 200 students.
That we are able to expand again is a testament to
how the community has stepped up and supported
this cause."

Beginning this school year, the program is

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do not receive adequate nutrition dur-
ing the weekend will take up to two
days of nutritional support to com-
pensate for that loss."
REV. JOE SCHULTE

expanding into Stewart Elementary, with the goal of
adding Beadle Elementary at semester time.
"Studies indicate that students who do not
receive adequate nutrition during the weekend will
take up to two days of nutritional support to com-
pensate for that loss," Schulte said. "The goal of the

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