



### Special Olympics

Approximately 240 athletes from across Saskatchewan gathered in Saskatoon during the weekend for the annual provincial Special Olympic Games. The two-day event featured competition in track and field, swimming and bowling and served as a selection meet to determine the 40 athletes, who for the first time, will compete in the Saskatchewan Summer Games this July in North Battleford. Star-Phoenix photographer Jeff Vinnick captured the emotion of the weekend, ranging from



the contemplative Terri Sproule and her grandmother Anna Reid, to the sheer delight of relay runner John Fisher. Saskatoon captured the zone title with 328 points. North Battleford was second at 449 and Regina third with 370. Norm Linnell of North Battleford and Malcolm Goebel of Watrous were co-winners of the male athlete of the meet, while Kathy Ergstrom of Saskatoon was the top female athlete. Sean McGowan of Regina was named the top rookie.

## Norman drops 40-footer on 18 to force playoff

MAMARONECK, N.Y. (AP) — Greg Norman called the putt 40 feet. It probably was closer to 50. Fuzzy Zoeller thought it was for birdie and he was ready to throw in the towel.

Instead, the putt was for par. Norman lined it up, sure it was going in, and when it did he and Zoeller were headed for the 27th playoff in U.S. Open history.

double-bogey six on the ninth hole put him back to even for the tournament, and he bogeyed four more holes on the back nine.

It was perhaps the worst U.S. Open collapse since Arnold Palmer blew a seven-stroke lead to Billy Casper in the final nine holes in 1966 and lost in a playoff. Curtis Strange shot one of the best rounds of the day, 68, to fin-



## Reagan commends disabled athletes

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Opening the 1984 International Games for the Disabled, President Reagan commended the participants who paraded past him without legs or arms, blind and palsied for "sending a message of hope throughout the world."

Reagan said Sunday athletes competing during the next two weeks will be no match for their Olympic counterparts when it comes to the true essence of sports — the human heart.

"There's something each of you understands that no one else can ever fully appreciate.

Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, skipped these games as well. However, a few countries, including East Germany, which had followed the Soviets' Olympic boycott, are participating here.

Reagan sat in the reviewing stand as the procession of athletes who will compete in 20 events passed before him. Some were amputees in wheelchairs, while others were blind and led around the field by teammates or, in one case, a seeing-eye dog.

Reagan singled out a few of the athletes, including Canada's Ar-