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**U.S. Olympic aspirants are epitome of excellence**

**FESTIVAL OF HOPE**

By Charles E. Belle

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Former President Ronald

Reagan actually showed up to start the 1991 U.S. Olympic Festival Games in Los Angeles. Politicians know one way to polish up their image is by initiating electrifying events. Every one of the 29,500 paid spectators were there to cheer on over 3,000 would-be participants in the 1992 Barcelona Olympic

Games. Unfortunately, as is true in real life, only a handful of those present would be in the winners booth in Barcelona bringing home the bronze, silver or gold. Standing next to Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson, one can sense what it takes to become one of those superb athletes even at our

present age. A younger and former Olympic champion and former U.S. Olympic Festival participant, now World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, Evander Holyfield, was the "mystery torch runner" to open the games that would be the final tune up for the big Games in Barcelona.

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LaBarrio May, honor roll student of Lois Craig Elementary School competed in the 1991 U.S. Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships. This years competition was held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. LaBarrio, who just became interested in the track and field sports just two months ago was the only Clark County student representing a Nevada elementary school track team. Participating in two events, discus and shot put, LaBarrio finished 21st in the nation for throwing a discus with a toss of over 21 feet and 25th in shot put with a distance of 28 plus feet. His coach, Mentor and principal, Dr. Al Gourrier who accompanied La Barrio on the journey felt the youths effort was well reflective of his pride for everyone at Lois Craig as well as his North Las Vegas community

★ ★ ★ SPORTS BRIEFS ★ ★ ★

**BASEBALL LEADERS:**

National League:

EAST: TORONTO  
WEST: MINNESOTA

American League:

EAST: PITTSBURGH  
WEST: L.A. DODGERS

**NOTES:** Wilson Alvarez, 21, of the Chicago White Sox pitched a no hit, no run game against the Orioles, not bad for his debut. The chances of a pitcher throwing a no-hitter are 1-667 games, but the odds of a rookie doing it are 1 in 7,455.

• The Las Vegas Stars return home to Cashman Field for their final home stand of the season playing trough next Wednesday.

The Stars' Will Taylor leads the minor leagues in stolen bases with 55.

**PAN AM GAMES:**

Going into the final week of

the games, the USA leads in the medal count with 252. However, Cuba leads in the gold medal count with 110 to the U.S.'s 90.

**GOLD SILVER BRONZE**

Cuba	116	57	57
USA	109	104	74

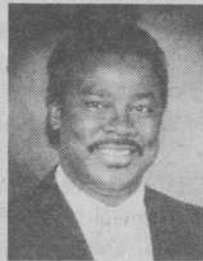
**FOOTBALL:**

Entering the third week of pre-season play, and two weeks before the season opener (Sept. 1st), most of the teams feel that 5 games are too many for a pre-season schedule.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL:**

The season begins August 28th with Penn State taking on Georgia Tech. On the 29th, Florida State plays BYU, and on Sept. 7th, UNLV opens their season at Reno.

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