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Thursday; August 11, 2011

2:00 p.m. NAPVA Press Conference
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8:30 p.m. NAPVA Bowling Tournament
Rodeo Lanes, Clovis, CA

Friday; August 6, 2010

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5:00 p.m. **Madeleine Arnold Memorial**
High School Pole Vault Development
Championships-*Presented By UCS/Spirit*

6:50 p.m. Parade of Champions
Presented by the California Milk Advisory Board

7:00 p.m. Development Division
Presented By Chuck Anderson Painting
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7:00 p.m. Elite Division
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10:00 p.m. Awards BBQ
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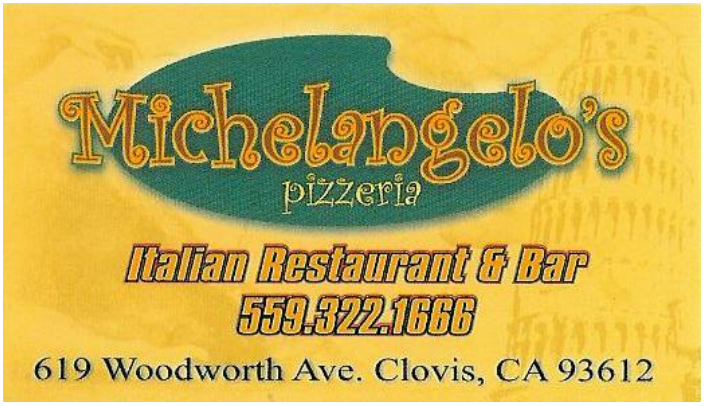

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In 1993, the USA Track and Field Pole Vault Development tried a radical concept of taking the Pole Vault to the public. After two championship events which were held inside a shopping mall (Santa Anita Fashion Park in Arcadia, CA) and in the middle of the French Quarter (New Orleans, LA), the event searched for a new home.

In 1995 the North American Pole Vault Association (NAPVA) Championships moved to Clovis alongside the Friday Night Farmers Market for what was supposed to be a one-time event. It's hard to believe that fifteen years later, this event is still in Clovis, where it continues to grow. This NAPVA Championships has prospered into one of the largest events in the sport of Track and Field.

The support of the Fresno/Clovis area fans, media and sponsors has helped push our nation's top athletes to the top of the world. When the event first moved here, American Pole Vaulting was on a downswing, with only a few world-ranked pole vaulters. Today, America is on top of the world, drawing tremendous amounts of new fans and athletes into this exciting sport. The NAPVA Championships in Clovis is one of the main reasons. All five US Olympic Pole Vault Medalists of the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games have competed here and have enjoyed the support of the people in the Fresno/Clovis area.

Clovis has become "The Heart of American Pole Vaulting." In Clovis we have learned that the Pole Vault, if presented properly, can be a part of the modern sports culture. We thank the Fans, Media and Sponsors who have helped make this event and the OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL a reality to our nation's pole vaulters!

Sincerely,

Bob Fraley — Co-Director

Brian Yokoyama — Co-Director

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ELITE DIVISION COMPETITORS

BRANDON ESTRADA

Affiliation	Unattached
Personal Record	18'01"
Hometown	West Hills, CA
University Attended	USC

- *2 Time NCAA Division 1 All-American*
- *2010 NCAA Division 1 Outdoor Championships - 5th Place*
- *Son of actor, Erik Estrada*

NICK FRAWLEY

Affiliation	U.S. Air Force
Personal Record	18'01"
Hometown	Midlothian, TX
University Attended	U.S. Air Force Academy

- *Three time NCAA Division 1 All-American*

MELISSA GERGEL

Affiliation	Nike
Personal Record	14'07"
Hometown	Glendwood, IL
University Attended	Oregon

- *2011 NCAA Division 1 and PAC-10 Champion*
- *Seven time NCAA Division 1 All-American*
- *University of Oregon School Record Holder*

KELSIE HENDRY

Affiliation	Canada
Personal Record	14'11"
Hometown	Saskatoon, Canada
University Attended	University of Saskatoon

- *2008 Canadian Olympian*
- *Canadian Record Holder*
- *2 Time Canadian Champion*

BECKY HOLLIDAY

Affiliation	Unattached
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- *2008 U.S. Olympian (8th place)*

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MALLORY GILBERT

University	Hawaii
Personal Record	12'06"
Hometown	Clovis, CA

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- *WAC Heptathlon Champion*
- *2011 WAC Female Track and Field Athlete of the Year*

BRYSUN STATELY

University	USC
Personal Record	14'04"
Hometown	Citrus Heights, CA

- *4 Time NCAA Division 1 All-American*

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Scott Greenman	M	Clovis	15'08"
Casey Campos	F	Clovis East	11'06"
Anginae Monteverdi	F	Clovis West	13'06"
Team Hanford			
Alan Anouye	M	Clovis	15'03"
Tyler Heister	M	Sanger	14'02"
Kayli Kobeli	F	Clovis West	9'06"
Reagan Smith	F	Clovis West	9'00"
Team Los Angeles			
Austin Allen	M	John Burroughs	14'08"
Alexander Hamizadeh	M	El Camino Real	15'06"
Stevie Kennedy-Gold	F	Canyon (CC)	11'06"
Amy Loschiavo	F	Huntington Beach	11'09"
Team New Orleans			
Dylan Duvio	M	John Curtis	15'08"
Connor Foxworth	M	St. Patricks	16'00"
Hailey Diechmann	F	Mt. Carmel	10'06"
Sharon Ann Ourso	F	Mandeville	11'06"
Team Reno			
Colt Silva	M	Douglas	14'09"
Nick Stearns	M	Payrup Valley	15'06"
Team San Diego			
Richard Leverson	M	Lake Elsinore	16'00"
Zach Logan	M	Rancho Bernardo	14'09"
McKenzie Johnson	F	Clairemont	13'03"
Kaitlin McAllun	F	La Jolla Country Day	12'00"

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The Pole Vault is the most technically oriented event in Track and Field. It incorporates using over 100 movements in a matter of a few seconds. It can be broken down into 5 major parts:

1. The Run/Approach - When the vaulter is carrying the pole and accelerating in order to plant/takeoff with as much speed as possible.

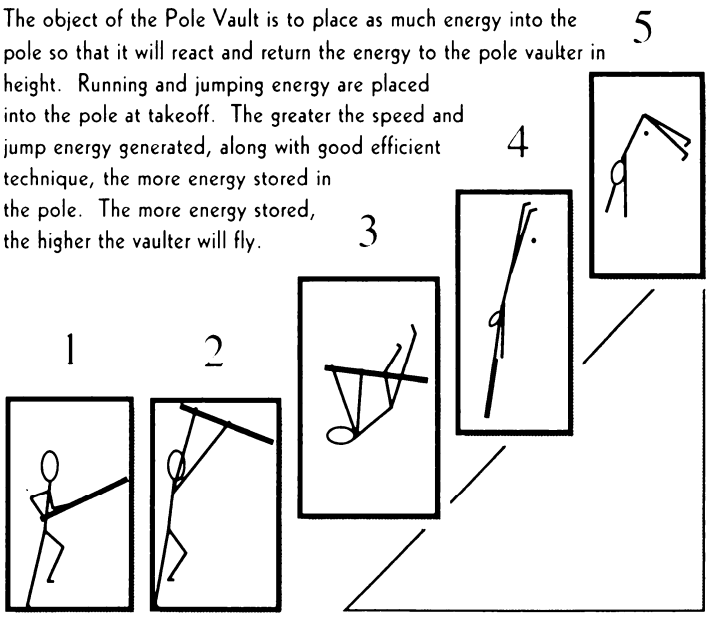
2. The Plant/Takeoff - When the vaulter places the pole overhead into the sunken structure called the box and at the split second before impact, jumps upward.

3. The Swing - When the vaulter Swings quickly upside down to a vertical position parallel to the pole.

4. The Flyaway - When the vaulter releases the pole while in an upside down vertical position and continues climbing upward.

5. The Bar Clearance - When the vaulter pikes over the bar and pulls his hands and arms back to clear the crossbar.

The object of the Pole Vault is to place as much energy into the pole so that it will react and return the energy to the pole vaulter in height. Running and jumping energy are placed into the pole at takeoff. The greater the speed and jump energy generated, along with good efficient technique, the more energy stored in the pole. The more energy stored, the higher the vaulter will fly.



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From the early 70's through the 90's, a serious decline in pole vault interest at the high school, collegiate and elite levels threatened the pole vault in the United States. Due to the financial problems facing school districts, there were fewer qualified coaches and safety for the athletes had become a major concern. At the elite level there were fewer opportunities for the elite and emerging elite athletes to compete in Europe and Japan. More opportunities to compete had to be provided within the United States for this event to grow.

The ***North American Pole Vault Association*** was formed to :

A. Provide a Grand Prix-type schedule for vaulters in the United States.
B. Provide travel and coaching assistance for athletes
C. Provide a newsletter to inform athletes, coaches and fans on the latest training and technical methods, schedule of events, results and motivational articles
D. To hold competitions in areas which will provide the most exposure for the event and the vaulters. Examples include:
    1. Street Vault in the French Quarter of New Orleans, LA
    2. Mall Vault inside the Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall in Arcadia, CA
    3. Street Vault in Old Town Clovis, CA
    4. Street Vault during Fourth of July Festival in Seattle, WA
    5. Street Vault in Old Town Sacramento, CA

In 1996, an issue of *Track and Field News Magazine* listed the North American Pole Vault Association as one of the best new ideas in Track and Field in the United States. It is a non-profit association dedicated to the sport of Track and Field and the pole vault event.

If you would like to help support America's emerging elite Pole Vaulters or for more information on the North American Pole Vault Association, please call (559) 291-4022 or write to NAPVA/ 4860 North Woodrow #105/Fresno, CA 93726.

POLE VAULT RECORDS

	Men's	Mark	Women's	Mark
World	Sergei Bubka	20-01.75	Yelena Isinbayeva	16-07.25
American	Brad Walker	19-09.75	Jennifer Stuczynski	16-01.75
Collegiate	Lawrence Johnson	19-07.50	Chelsea Johnson	15-01.00
High School	Tommy Skipper	18-02.75	Morgan LeLeux	14-02.75
Meet	Kory Tarpening	18-10.50	Mel Mueller	15-01.75

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EDDIE SEESE

The NAPVA would like to recognize and honor **Mr. Eddie Seese** who was a major force in introducing, recognizing and implementing the girl's/women's pole vault into high schools and colleges. His tireless efforts helped make the pole vault a reality for hundreds of thousands of girls/women across the nation.

Former Fresno State Bulldog and 2 time NCAA Champion, Melissa Price (right) was a immediate beneficiary of Seese's work in the mid 90's. Price was the very first NCAA and USATF National Champion in the Women's Pole Vault.

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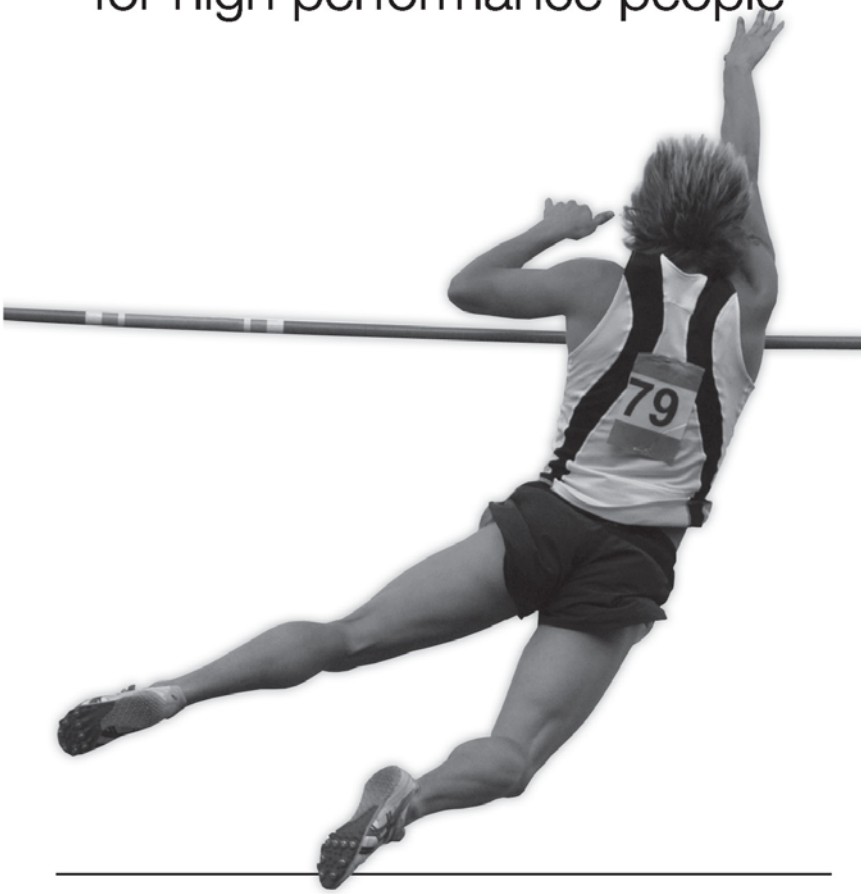

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