



JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I don't know about you, but I got caught up in the basketball fever raised by the incredible play of Caitlin Clark. Not only is she an amazing athlete, but she appears to be a level-headed young woman, down to earth despite the huge publicity of her success.

However, I was miffed when I learned that when she accepted a new position, playing for the Indiana Fever of the Women's National Basketball Association, it was for a mere \$76,535 per year. Yet, she was the No. 1 draft choice!!

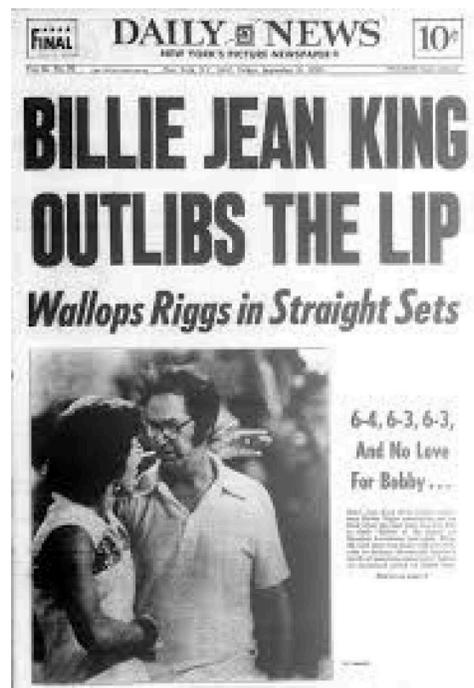
Victor Wembanyama was the No. 1 overall pick in the last National Basketball Association (Men's) Draft . His rookie year salary was reportedly \$13,793,692.

Admittedly, Caitlin is earning lots of other cash with endorsements and all. However, I am sure that is also true for Victor. Sponsorships for WNBA and NBA games are very disparate with a large gap, too. But, that too is very unfair. Caitlin has been filling every stadium to capacity. See the Daily News headline below of a tennis match years ago.

Just goes to show you that the wage gap is still very real for women. There is a pay gap not just in basketball but in every facet of the labor market.

What can we do about this?

Ann Huber



IN THE NEWS:

Our condolences to Beth Stuehler Krawczuk and her family on the loss of her aunt, Helen Stuehler on April 12, 2024. She was a life long resident of Harding township. Helen was brilliant, extremely creative, with a profound connection to nature.

All donations in her memory should be made to the Great Swamp Watershed Association, P.O. Box 300, New Vernon, NJ 07976.

AAUW Madison Area Book Group



The Book club will meet again on June 12, 2024 at the home of Barbara Koppersmith. The reading selection is *Dinners With Ruth* by Nina Totenberg.

We still need books for July and August.

For September 11, 2024, the club will be reading "In The Hands of Women by Jane Loeb Rubin" **The author of the selected book, Loeb Rubin, will be joining meeting. If there is enough interest**, we may want to open this meeting to all AAUW members and guests. Location to be decided.

Susan and Kathleen

WHO WAS PATSY MINK?



The AAUW Summit Branch has invited our branch to a virtual presentation

ON: **JUNE 6, 2024**

TIME: 7 p.m.

SPEAKER: **Dr. Mary Segers**, Prof. and member of the Summit College Club

SUBJECT: **Patsy Mink**, former Congresswoman from Hawaii.

Patsy Mats Mink (née **Takemoto**; December 6, 1927 – September 28, 2002) was an American attorney and politician from **Hawaii**. She served in the **United States House of Representatives** for 24 years as a member of the **Democratic Party**, initially from 1965 to 1977, and again from 1990 until her death in 2002. She was the first **woman of color** and the first **Asian-American** woman elected to Congress. She is known for her work on **legislation advancing women's rights and education**.

The Zoom link will be sent to out to members when available.