

how the rules of the workplace should be revised - and other questions of sex, power, ambitious and fairness." <http://nyti.ms/2CcQ3HU> ... **The cover**
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PLAYBOOK ERS

SPOTTED late last night at Le Diplomate: Jonathan Capehart, Nick Schmit, and Obama alums Sam Tubman, Joe Paulsen and former U.S. Amb. to Singapore Kirk Wagar. When Jones' victory was called, there were cheers at the bar. ... David Gergen and Arthur Brooks having lunch at Darlington House in Dupont yesterday

SPOTTED celebrating the career of retiring Fox lobbyist Kathy Ramsey at the Phoenix Park Hotel: CIA Director Mike Pompeo and wife Susan, Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.) and wife Mylene, Rep. Billy Long (R-Mo.) and wife Barbara, Rep. Susan Brooks (R-Ind.), Chip Smith, Richard Bates, John Orlando, Bryce Harlow, Eddie Fritts.

OUT AND ABOUT -- Newsmax Media held its Christmas party last night in New York at the 48th Lounge on Avenue of the Americas. **SPOTTED:** Randy Levine, Michael Clemente, former Sen. Al D'Amato (R-N.Y.), Steve Forbes, Tom DiNapoli, Maggie Haberman, Sam Nunberg, Bo Dietl, Rick Ungar, Randi Weingarten, Bill White Pat Caddell, Betsy McCaughey, Richard Johnson, Judith Miller, Bernard and Hala Kerik, Kimberly Reed, Monica Crowley, Lloyd Grove, Joe Conason, Deroy Murdock, Scott Rasmussen, Andrew Stein, Deroy Murdock and Rita Cosby.

SPOTTED at the RIAA and Spotify charity bash at the 9:30 Club celebrating Musicians On Call with Fifth Harmony: Reps. Ted Deutch (R-Fla.), Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), and Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), Michele Ballantyne, Mitch Glazier, Tom Manatos, Emery Simon, Toby Knapp, Pete Griffin, Tyler Grimm, Lee Thomas Miller, Cara Duckworth, Jonathan Lamy, Sarah Gilmore, Sean McLean, Todd Flournoy, Chris Ortman, Austin Weatherford, Chris Cylke and Jonathan Adelstein.

SPOTTED at the Jefferson Hotel yesterday afternoon for a party for Tina Brown's new book "The Vanity Fair Diaries: 1983 - 1992" hosted by Connie Milstein, Tammy Haddad, Andrea Mitchell, Carol Melton, Gail MacKinnon, Rachel Pearson, Kathy O'Hearn, and Hilary Rosen (**\$16 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2CorahB>): Chris and Lorraine Wallace, Jane Harman, Teresa Carlson, Kimberley Fritts, Ambassador Dina

Kawar, Susan Sher, Heather Podesta, Kathleen Parker, Mack McLarty, Lloyd Hand, Tom Forrest, David Frum, Kristi Rogers, Becca Ginsberg, JoAnne Ginsberg, Jen Bloch, Kelley McCormick, David Chavern, Margaret Sullivan, Howard Fineman, Ryan Williams, Terri Fariello, Neera Tanden, Megan Smith, John Coale, Tori O'Neal, Alyse Nelson, Tom Quinn, Linda Douglass and former Amb. John Phillips, Kevin Baron, Robin Goldman, Jill Barclay, Janet Donovan, Craig Gordon, Jane Hitchcock and Jim Hoagland.

TRANSITIONS -- @rchammond: "25 new stamps in my passport from traveling with Sec. Tillerson, but I am most proud of the U.S Seal on the front. Today is my last day working alongside America's diplomats at the @StateDept. It has been a privilege to serve in the Trump Admin. and to be part of #MAGA ... After the New Year, and a few weeks off, I will return to @TheHeraldGroup to help our clients develop and execute winning communications and public affairs strategies. #MerryChristmas".

BIRTHDAYS OF THE DAY: former Agriculture Secretary **Tom Vilsack**, now president and CEO of the U.S. Dairy Export Council, is 67. **How he got his start in politics:** "The mayor of my town, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, was shot and killed in a City Council meeting and I was asked by his father to run for mayor. I worked on rebuilding infrastructure. The mayor's death was related to an unfixed sewer problem that caused sewage to back up in people's homes." **Read his Playbook Plus Q&A:**

<http://politi.co/2yiFi3L>

--**Trish Regan**, host of "The Intelligence Report" with Trish Regan on Fox Business Network. **How she got her start in journalism:** "I got my start writing for the local town newspaper in Hampton, N.H., in the fifth grade. But, I never thought I'd be a journalist. Growing up, more than anything, I wanted to be an international opera star! Seriously. Fortunately, the journalism thing turned out to be a good fallback position."

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BIRTHDAYS: Todd S. Purdum ... Mo Elleithee, executive director of Georgetown University's Institute of Politics and Public Service at the McCourt School, Fox political contributor, Hillary campaign alum, former DNC spokesman, and loyal Hoya (hat tip: Ben Chang, his former Georgetown roommate) ... Michael D. Smith, exec. director of MBK Alliance and Youth Opportunities at the Obama Foundation and former special assistant to President Obama (h/t Crystal Carson) ... Jeffrey Schneider, principal at The Lead PR ... Ben Bernanke is 64 ... former Secretary of State George Shultz is 97 ... Herman Cain is 72 ... Allan Blutstein, America Rising's FOIA Wizard, is 5-0 ... Brian