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THE CONSERVATIVE COMMENTATOR SHUFFLE: Laura Ingraham will take over the 10 p.m. hour on Fox News starting this Monday with her new show "The Ingraham Angle." Sean Hannity will move an hour earlier to 9 p.m., and "The Five" will go back to its old time slot at 5 p.m. The move will see yet another Fox News primetime lineup take shape, with Tucker Carlson leading into Hannity leading into Ingraham. One year ago, Fox News had a dominant primetime lineup, with Bill O'Reilly leading into Megyn Kelly leading into Hannity. Kelly has since decamped for NBC (her new morning show starts Monday too!), while O'Reilly was booted after new sexual harassment allegations surfaced.

-Notes from the press release: Fox clearly wants to send the message that they expect this lineup to last. "We are delighted to unveil this new primetime schedule for both our current and future generation of loyal FNC fans," said president of programming Suzanne Scott in a statement. As for what Ingraham's angle will be? "Ingraham will challenge the decision makers to focus on everyday, hard-working Americans who serve as the backbone of the nation," per the announcement.

-Ingraham was not the only major conservative voice in the news Monday. On ABC's daytime talk show "The View," conservative co-host Jdediah Bila unexpectedly announced her departure from the program. The New York Post's Page Six said that the show's interview with Hillary Clinton last week may have played a role.

-Who will replace Bila? Well, CNN's Oliver Darcy and Dylan Byers report that Meghan McCain, who left Fox News last week, is in advanced talks to join.

-Oh, and about Bill O'Reilly: He is in the middle of the book tour for his latest, "Killing England." he appeared on Hannity's radio show yesterday (despite the fact that the two do not have the friendliest of histories) and will be on NBC's "Today" show this morning.

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FOX NEWS HIT WITH ANOTHER LAWSUIT: Former frequent guest Scottie Nell Hughes claims in the suit that she was raped by Fox Business anchor Charles Payne. Per The New York Times' Emily Steel : "According to the suit, Ms. Hughes was 'shocked and ashamed' and did not immediately report the episode. She said that over the next two years she was forced to engage in a sexual relationship with Mr. Payne. In exchange, she said, she received career opportunities, including increased appearances on Fox News and Fox Business and the promise that Mr. Payne

would help her land a contributor contract, a job that can pay several hundred thousand dollars a year."

-Payne, who was suspended in July while the channel investigated sexual harassment complaints against him, returned to the air this month after the investigation was completed.

-"The latest publicity stunt of a lawsuit filed by Doug Wigdor has absolutely no merit and is downright shameful," a Fox News spokesperson told Deadline, in part. "My client Charles Payne vehemently denies any wrongdoing and will defend himself vigorously against this baseless complaint," said Jonathan Halpern of Foley & Lardner LLP, in part.

SEAN SPICER IS SORRY: No, really. The former White House press secretary told The New York Times "Of course I do, absolutely," when asked whether he regrets what happened behind the press briefing podium on day one of the Trump administration, where he asserted that the inauguration crowd was the largest ever (an appearance he poked fun at during Sunday's Emmy Awards). Spicer said that his appearance "was an attempt to poke a little fun at myself and add a little bit of levity to the event." It certainly drew its fair share of criticism.

-Not unlike his January appearance behind the podium, Sunday's Spicer declaration also fell short of truthiness. The Emmys were not, in fact, the most-watched ever. In fact, they were nearly tied for the least-watched Emmys ever with 11.4 million people watching, on average. Last year's averaged 11.3 million. Did the heavy political nature of the broadcast take a toll? Maybe, but I'd wager so did "Sunday Night Football" on NBC, and an NFL game on Fox that spilled into primetime.

MUST WATCH: Fran Lebowitz talks about Donald Trump in this Vanity Fair video.

SPOTTED: At Old Town Bar in Manhattan last night, former POLITICO executives Josh Benson, Katherine Lehr and Tom McGeeveran held a launch party for their new media company, appropriately named Old Town Media. We spied BuzzFeed News editor-in-chief Ben Smith, Hiltzik Strategies founder Matthew Hiltzik, Rubenstein Communications president Steve Rubenstein, Vanity Fair's Joe Pompeo and Matt Lynch, Recode's Johana Bhuiyan, The Hollywood Reporter's Jeremy Barr, Gizmodo Media Group's John Cook and Splinter's David Uberti, among others. Old Town Media's projects include Galley, an app for news media professionals, and Civil, a decentralized blockchain-based journalism platform.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY "MORNING JOE." Yes, the official launch date for the show is a bit debatable (remember it started as a temporary program in the wake of Don Imus' suspension from MSNBC), but today is the day that MSNBC is choosing to commemorate one decade of the political chat show. There will be a live studio audience, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and Mike Bloomberg are all scheduled to appear. TVNewser has an interview with Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski here.

INSIDE ESPN: Sports Business Journal's John Ourand tackles the ESPN controversy from a different angle: talking to staffers at the channel about how it feels to be in the spotlight for politics, rather than sports. "The mood in Bristol, Conn., last week was a strange mixture of

embarrassment and frustration following a series of public missteps that culminated with the spokeswoman for the United States president calling for one of ESPN's highest-profile anchors to be fired."

-Speaking of ESPN, a carriage dispute with cable provider Altice could see the channel, as well as ABC and others, dropped. The current deal ends Sept. 30, and the two sides are still negotiating.

REVOLVING DOOR:

-A big hire at BuzzFeed News: Thomas Frank, a Pulitzer Prize finalist who resigned from CNN earlier this year in the wake of a since-retracted story about Anthony Scaramucci, will join BuzzFeed News as a reporter covering national security and counterintelligence. Joe Pompeo spoke to Frank about the move.

-Also at BuzzFeed News: Mike Giglio will move from Istanbul to Washington, D.C., as senior national security correspondent, while Adolfo Flores will become national security correspondent for immigration.

-Massimo Calabresi is now Time magazine's Washington bureau chief. Alex Altman will also become national editor.

-Former Twitter COO Adam Bain is joining Cheddar as a senior adviser.

-The Root has named Danielle Belton editor-in-chief. Belton had been the site's managing editor since May, 2016. Genetta Adams has been named managing editor, while Yesha Callahan has been named deputy managing editor.

EXTRAS:

-Pentagon reporters are becoming increasingly frustrated with a lack of access to Secretary Mattis, and his department's relationship to the press.

-A new project, Report For America, aims to place 1,000 journalists in local newsrooms across the country over the next five years.

-Shonda Rhimes is partnering with Hearst to launch a digital publishing platform, Shondaland.com.

-???The TV tabloid wars are heating up, with The Daily Mail and Page Six taking on TMZ.

-New York Times reporter Glenn Thrush said yesterday he was going to delete his Twitter account.

-Vox Media is hopping on the programmatic advertising bandwagon.

-BuzzFeed head of U.S. News Shani Hilton addresses BuzzFeed News' new morning news show, and why it isn't really a "pivot to video."

To view online:

<http://www.politico.com/media/tipsheets/morning-media/2017/09/19/the-conservative-commentator-shuffle-sean-spicer-is-sorry-happy-anniversary-morning-joe-001351>

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