

Ticker: Former MSNBC Head Rashida Jones to Lead Piers Morgan's Uncensored

Top of the Ticker: **Rashida Jones**, the former head of MSNBC, has been named the CEO of **Piers Morgan's** digital-first venture, **Uncensored**. As the outlet expands, it has also received fresh funding from Raine Ventures, Antenna Group, and Reuben Brothers. In bringing in Jones, Morgan said, "Rashida Jones is one of the sharpest minds in media, and her track record of building and transforming businesses speaks for itself."

Jones, who left the Versant news outlet in January 2025, said of her new appointment, "Piers developed an incredible platform with Uncensored that's already going head-to-head with legacy media."

She added, "I can't wait to roll up my sleeves with Piers and the team to build on the strong foundation they created and scale it into a diverse and profitable network that champions talent and dominates the biggest categories."

Exit left: Add **Seth MacFarlane** to the list of on and off-air talent leaving CBS News since it fell under the purview of Paramount Skydance. In a LinkedIn post, MacFarlane said the decision to leave the news outlet was his, adding, "I will always value the opportunity I had to work alongside the talented and committed professionals here. I'm proud to have had the words 'CBS correspondent' next to my name – always will be."

MacFarlane also shared that his last CBS News report will air

this coming Saturday.

My final report for CBS airs Saturday.

A feature on the 88-year-old radio pioneer who has changed lives – and become the voice of something much more important – off-the-air.

– Scott MacFarlane (@MacFarlaneNews) March 12, 2026

Inaccurate framing: CNN had to delete a social media post on Tuesday after receiving backlash about how the post was framed. The post referenced the actions of two teenagers arrested in New York City over the weekend after throwing homemade bombs at Gracie Mansion, the home of Mayor **Zohran Mamdani**. The network explained its decision to delete the post, saying it “failed to reflect the gravity of the incident, thereby breaching the editorial standards we require for all our reporting.”

A post regarding the two individuals arrested for throwing homemade bombs outside of New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani’s home failed to reflect the gravity of the incident thereby breaching the editorial standards we require for all our reporting. It has therefore been deleted.

– CNN (@CNN) March 10, 2026

Oscars: Meanwhile, CNN returns to the red carpet this coming Sunday, teaming up with Variety to provide pre- and post-coverage of the 98th Annual Academy Awards. CNN & Variety Red Carpet Live will begin at 4 p.m. ET, co-hosted by CNN’s **Elizabeth Wagmeister** and Variety co-president and co-editor-in-chief **Ramin Setoodeh**. They will be joined by **Cari Champion**, CNN Style’s **Rachel Tashjian**, and Women’s Wear Daily style director **Alex Badia** live from New York City in the CNN Style Spin Room. **Van Lathan** will host the CNN & Variety Red Carpet

Afterparty alongside Wagmeister and Setoodeh.

Program premieres: Finally, CNN announced the premiere dates for two of its CNN Original series. The debut of the **Kara Swisher** Wants to Live Forever series will take place on Saturday, April 11, at 9 p.m. ET. The six-episode series follows Swisher's journey into the rapidly expanding world of longevity science and humanity's enduring quest to cheat death. The following day at 9 p.m. ET, **Eva Longoria: Searching for France** premieres with an eight-episode series, airing two episodes per week.

New hires: On Thursday, CNBC International announced two new additions to its London newsroom, including **Joseph Wilkins**, who joins as a CNBC Pro reporter. He will be contributing to market-moving digital reporting, real-time analysis, and live blog coverage for CNBC's premium subscription product. **Mike Sheen** joins as a markets & finance editor, overseeing CNBC International's coverage of global markets, banks, deals, and corporate finance across EMEA.

Career recognition: Fox News' **Jennifer Griffin**, CNN's **Manu Raju**, CBS News' **Vladimir Duthiers**, NBC News' **Tom Llamas**, ABC News' **Juju Chang**, and former executive producer of CBS News' 60 Minutes' **Bill Owens** on Thursday night were all named honorees of the RTDNA's First Amendment Award during the 35th annual First Amendment Awards at The Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C. According to the RTDNA, these journalists were recognized for "their efforts to promote responsible journalism and preserve the constitutionally guaranteed rights to do so."

Our very own @vladduthiersCBS was honored at Thursday night's First Amendment Awards, as one of 12 outstanding journalists recognized for their efforts to promote responsible journalism and protect the First Amendment.

Also honored was our @cbschicago colleague Asal Rezaei, who...

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– CBS Mornings (@CBSMornings) March 13, 2026

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