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Sacramento signals potential layoffs for union members

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The city of Sacramento this week notified a union — representing workers from nearly

every department — that it may lay off some of its members amid an approximate \$66 million budget deficit.

City Hall's expenses far surpassed its revenues for the past two years. The Council was able

to avoid layoffs, balancing its billion dollar budgets by slashing vacant positions and hiking fees for parking and other programs, in those years. But those solutions appear to be at an end.

The International Union of

Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers Local 39 received a letter Monday titled "formal notice of proposed layoffs and opportunity to meet and confer regarding impacts" as the city contemplates cost-saving mea-

asures. Local 39 represents people in many departments, with roles such as code and parking enforcement, park maintenance, water treatment plant operations and urban forestry.

The letter outlined how the city's budget proposal, scheduled to be released Thursday, could include a preliminary recommendation of layoffs. A department restructuring could also lead to "alternative service delivery models" such as replac-

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Rodg Little, co-owner and brewer at Oak Park Brewing, displays various collaborations the brewery has done, including with the estate of Tupac Shakur, at the brewery in Sacramento on Feb. 19. According to Little, the beers were the first time Black Americans appeared on beer cans.

Black-owned restaurants highlight culinary diversity

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Among U.S. foodies, Sacramento is well-known as an up-and-coming dining hotspot. That's, in part, thanks to top-notch breweries, fast-casual bites and upscale date night

spots owned and operated by Black Sacramentans.

Black-owned restaurants are spread across the entire region, serving everything from West African classics to American South comforts and much more. With Black History Month coming to a close, Sacramento foodies may take a moment to reflect on their favorite Black-owned spots to patronize year-



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Rodg Little, co-owner and brewer at Oak Park Brewing, works on brewing a beer at the Sacramento brewery on Feb. 19.

round and discover new spots to try.

Whether they're sharing traditional dishes from halfway across the world or putting a

personal riff on local favorites, these businesses represent their owners' culinary backgrounds

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Longtime News10 anchor Dick Cable dies at 89

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About the time Dick Cable retired from being an anchor for KXTV in June 1998, his retirement party was held in a place that might have seemed unusual: Safetyville, where generations of Sacramento-area children learn the basics of safety.

Cable, who died Wednesday at 89 following an illness, is most known to people in the region for the three decades he spent as an anchor for KXTV, but he was more than that. He was a husband and father of five. He was well-known for his charity work. And, as his wife of 48 years, Berta Gonzales Cable said Thursday, he was Safetyville's mayor.

"He really admired what they did," she said.

A giant on Sacramento's airwaves, Cable belonged to a different era, when people could only turn to a handful of trusted voices for local news. As the response to his death showed, he hadn't been forgotten.

WHO DICK CABLE WAS AND HOW HE WORKED

Born Richard Arnold Cable in New York in July 7, 1936, Cable wasn't the first journalist in his family. Census records show that his father Homer Cable parlayed a fourth-grade education into a journalistic career. Berta Gonzales Cable said Homer Cable, who was born in 1912, did work for the military publication Stars and Stripes around the time of World

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Lawmakers debate changes to California cap-and-invest policy

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California's marquee climate policy — rebranded last year from "cap-and-trade" to "cap-and-invest" — was back in the Capitol this week as lawmakers

scrutinized proposed changes to the program.

The policy, which lets companies and investors buy and trade allowances to emit carbon dioxide, was the central point of last-minute, closed-door negotiations at the end of the 2025 legislative session. Lawmakers were under pressure to reauthorize the existing policy to reas-

sure investors and stabilize the allowance market.

The program has been credited with helping the state meet its 2020 climate goals early, generating \$34 billion for climate investments in the state, and for returning \$15 billion to customers through their utility bills.

However, legislators revealed

Monday that the cap-and-invest market is stabilizing slowly, with allowance prices still low. Meanwhile, the California Air Resources Board, or CARB, has proposed a new set of draft regulations that would change how some allowances are distributed.

During Monday's informational hearing at the Capitol, lawmakers and air-quality regulators wrestled with the proposed changes. The discussion was the latest foray into how the state can balance its ambitious

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Dick Cable on the News10 set in 1991.



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