

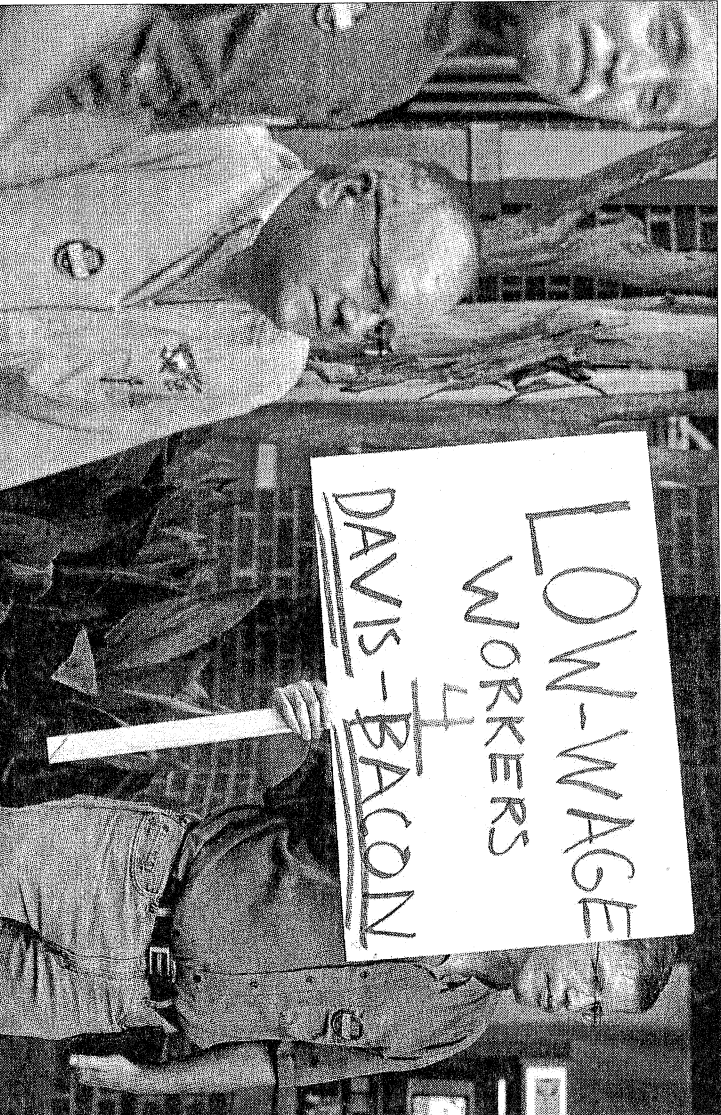
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TOP LOCAL STORIES OF THE WEEK

MONDAY

Austin district approves prevailing wages for bond work: About 100 construction workers and labor advocates packed the Austin school district's boardroom and applauded and cheered after trustees narrowly approved paying federal prevailing wages for work on \$490 million in voter-approved bond projects and future construction. However, trustees also agreed to conduct a study by February to find the living wage to pay unskilled workers, possibly adopting a hybrid wage scale in the future with higher pay for the lowest earners.



Tony Duncan of Austin Interfaith calls on Austin school trustees to adopt federal prevailing wage rates under the Davis-Bacon Act for construction workers. Religious, labor and community leaders came to the school board meeting Monday in support of better wages. LAURA SKELDING / AMERICAN-STATESMAN