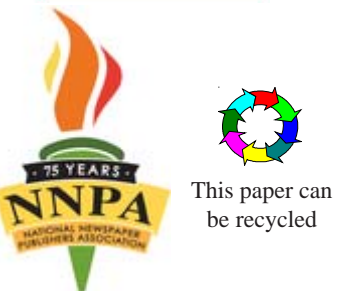




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## SOLANGE HEADS TO AUSTIN FOR ACL MUSIC FESTIVAL

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Solange Knowles

AUSTIN, TX - Grammy Award® and BET Award winner Solange will perform during the 2017 ACL Music Festival at Zilker Park in Austin, Texas. This year the singer, songwriter, fashion model, dancer and actress will join the lineup for ACL Fest.

The extremely beautiful and wildly talented artist Solange Knowles was born on June 24, 1986 in Houston, Texas. She is the younger sister of Beyoncé. She made a name for herself in the music and fashion industries as a singer, dancer and model. She owns her own record label, Saint Records.

Knowles released her third studio album on September 30, 2016, *A Seat at the Table*. It was written and performed by Knowles, and co-executive produced with Raphael Saadiq. She described the release as "a project on identity, empowerment, independence, grief and healing."

*A Seat at the Table* became her first number one album in the United States. It debuted at #1 on the Billboard Top 200 Chart with over 72,000 units sold. It also led to her first Grammy Award® win in 2017 as the Best R&B Performance for *Cranes in the Sky*. The Villager Newspaper was there for her first win.

Tickets are now on sale at [www.aclfestival.com](http://www.aclfestival.com). The dates are October 6-8 and October 13-15, 2017. We hope to see you there!

## Dave Chappelle on 30 Years in Showbiz and Sensitivity in Comedy

by: Mesfin Fekadu  
AP Entertainment Writer



Dave Chappelle  
(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — As Dave Chappelle reflects on spending 30 years in comedy, he says he's grateful and humble to still be living his dreams onstage.

"In all honesty, I mostly feel grateful that I survived it, and that I'm able to still do it, and that I have the respect of my peers," the 43-year-old said in an interview Friday night following a show at Radio City Music Hall, where he was joined by

The Roots, Dead Prez and T.I.

Chappelle's residency at the venue in New York kicked off this week, and included guest performers such as Lil Wayne, Usher, Ice Cube and others. Saturday and Sunday's shows were to feature Chris Rock, while Trevor Noah, John Mayer, Lauryn Hill, Leslie Jones, Chance the Rapper, Solange, Childish Gambino, Erykah

## Water Treatment Plant named after Handcox



Council members Jimmy Flannigan and Ora Houston stand with Berl L. Handcox Sr., and a host of family members and friends, after Austin City Council unanimously voted to name Water Treatment Plant 4 after him. Photo credit/T.L. Wyatt



Berl L. Handcox Sr.

AUSTIN, TX - The work and legacy of Berl L. Handcox Sr, a former council member and the first African-American to serve on the dais, received a nod Thursday as Austin City Council voted unanimously to name Water Treatment Plant 4 after him.

Berl L. Handcox Sr., flanked by his two sons, thanked the City Council members for the proclamation. He said he was proud to know that his name would be long-connected to the work he did during his 1971-75 term on the council.

In reading the proclamation, District 6 Council Member Jimmy Flannigan reminded everyone why Handcox deserved the honor.

Along with being the first African-American Austin City Council member, Handcox was influential in improving living and working conditions in East Austin and implemented important paving policies in addition to his work toward the equitable distribution of water and wastewater throughout the city. He has also lived in District 6, where the plant is located, for over 40 years. "He's paved a path for so many," Flannigan said.

District 1 Council Member Ora Houston, who is also African-American, applauded Handcox for his contribution to the city.

"I stand on your shoulders and appreciate everything you've done for this community," Houston said.

The Berl Handcox Sr. Water Treatment Plant was more than a half-billion-dollar project and opened in December 2014.

Badu and more were scheduled for upcoming performances.

"Not to tip my hand, but the next couple nights are probably one of the most expensive comedy shows ever done, and everybody's working under the fee, everybody's works under their fee just so we can be together in this room," Chappelle said. "It means a lot to me."

Darren Pfeffer, the executive vice president of MSG Live, called the 16 shows "unique" and said the company "is thrilled to have him at Radio City for

the month of August."

Chappelle — who received some criticism about his jokes about transgender men and women during the new shows and on his Netflix special — talks about his residency, sensitive jokes and more in an interview with The Associated Press.

AP: How does it feel to celebrate 30 years in comedy?

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## ITEM 57



Greg Casar

Austin, TX — Austin City Council approved an item sponsored by Council Member Greg Casar to combat economic segregation in Austin. Item 57 directs City staff to support properties that participate in the low-income housing tax credit program and are located in moderate to high opportunity areas.

The City of Austin's Strategic Housing Blueprint reported that the "lack of affordable housing citywide exacerbates segregation created through historical policies and practices." This item addresses this specific issue by further affirming the Fair Housing Act and encouraging economic integration, particularly in areas of high opportunity in Austin.

"We have a long way to go in getting Austin off the list of most segregated cities in the country", said Council Member Casar.

Item 57 was co-sponsored by Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Delia Garza, and Council Member Pio Renteria and was approved unanimously.