

Library of Congress to preserve works by N.W.A, Bowie, Streisand

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON First it became the basis for an Oscar-nominated movie. Now, *Straight Outta Compton* — the groundbreaking album from rap group N.W.A and a one-time flashpoint in the nation's culture wars — has been selected for the prestigious National Recording Registry.

The album was one of 25 additions to the registry announced Wednesday by the Library of Congress, and it wasn't the only one with a Los Angeles connection.

Baseball play-by-play from Vin Scully, who retired last year after calling Dodgers games for 67 years, also will join the national library's trove of recordings, which are selected for their historical, artistic or cultural significance.



N.W.A's *Straight Outta Compton* was released in 1988.

The library chose Scully's call of the final meeting between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants at Manhattan's Polo Grounds in 1957. Both teams would depart for California after that season.

"It's a rather imposing call to realize that something that you

have done would technically live forever in the Library of Congress," Scully, 89, told the Associated Press from his home in Hidden Hills, Calif. "It was a particularly meaningful game for me anyway, so to have it picked up and put for posterity is rather humbling and, at the same time, overwhelming."

Plenty of standards are joining the registry, too, including Judy Garland's version of *Over the Rainbow*, the Eagles' 1976 greatest-hits collection and Don MacLean's elliptical 1971 folk song *American Pie*.

Released in 1988, *Straight Outta Compton* influenced a generation of rappers with its raw lyrics about gang violence and the drug trade in south central Los Angeles. It achieved platinum sales without radio airplay and captured the attention of white America. The incendiary track *F--- tha Police* was denounced

by right-wing politicians and prompted a warning letter from the FBI to the group's record label.

The album also was one of the first to receive a parental advisory label for explicit content. But the controversy has long since faded and critics consistently rank it as one of the best hip-hop albums ever made.

While N.W.A brought the L.A. sound to the world of rap, Scully is an L.A. transplant who moved west with the Dodgers. He was 29 years old when he called his last game at the Polo Grounds, which was about 20 blocks from his grammar school, and he captured the melancholy of the moment.

"I wanted that game to take forever, which is a little different. Today, everyone talks about, and maybe not the fans, but certainly those of us broadcasting and writing, we're always talking about how long the game is. Base-

ball is now trying to see if they can't speed things up," Scully said. "But as a kid way back, and even as a broadcaster, I remember saying, 'Take it easy fellas, be slow, let's squeeze all of the juice out of this game before we finally close the curtain on it.'"

Recordings picked for the registry are preserved at the library's vast audio-visual vault in Culpeper, Va. If they already have been preserved elsewhere, the library collaborates with those studios or archives to ensure they will be available to future generations.

Other additions to the registry include Barbra Streisand's 1964 recording of the song *People*, from the musical *Funny Girl*; the late David Bowie's 1972 concept album *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars*; the original-cast recording of the musical *The Wiz* (1975); and Sister Sledge's inclusive anthem *We Are Family* (1979).

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ACROSS

- Sound from the shocked
- Rancher's leggings
- Fellers' tools
- Fed. workplace monitor
- He wrote of talking animals
- Norse god with raven messengers
- One end of a bed
- "Fortune Hunting," for this puzzle
- Without a companion
- Determined bug in "High Hopes"
- Military assault unit
- Draws back in disgust
- Many a campaign fundraiser
- Prospector's find
- Night on the town, say
- BYOB part
- Puts behind bars
- Place for a chemical peel
- Deserving an R rating, perhaps
- Word that can precede the first parts of 21- and 49-Across and 3- and 32-Down
- Wild guess
- Craft said to be made of gopher wood
- Charity beneficiary
- Comes up short
- Fondue utensils
- Sport involving driving
- Peace treaty, e.g.
- Above all
- Deck out to learn manners
- Prefix with classical or natal
- Wizard's wear
- Transports by semi
- Half a fortnight
- It's under the cornea

DOWN

- Achieve greatness
- In perfect 43-Across
- Timer at a basketball game
- Reassuring touch
- Stampede participants
- List in a will
- Sparkling wine, familiarly
- President between Tyler and Taylor
- With haste
- "Catch you later!"
- Deck out
- React to an injection, maybe
- Villainous expression
- Entree
- accompaniment
- Bills also called "Abes"
- Like soft mud
- Stands toe-to-toe with
- Teen's interjection
- Maidenform offering
- Sculler's blade
- Scrap heap stuff
- Consequence of an awkward sleep position
- One to hang with
- They're below the pews
- Term of respect in the U.K.
- Red tag event
- Housing near a quad
- Alternative to saran wrap
- Smokey's habitat
- Visitors to Scrooge
- Pungent-smelling hogs, e.g.
- Cruise ship quarters
- 1951 introduction to TV programming
- Having one's doubts
- Harnesses for plow teams
- Chaplin prop
- Of major proportions
- "Fuzzy Wuzzy"

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WORD ROUNDUP

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek 3/30

Find and Circle:
Five months
Five parts of the eye
Four words rhyming with "cost"
Next to
Four-letter stringed instrument

Wednesday's answer: APEX FLAX FLEX COAX JINX LYNX / DIAMONDS HEARTS SPADES CLUBS / CENTRAL NORTH SOUTH / ROOK PAWN KING / SNACK

QUICKCROSS

By John Wilmes 3/30

Public garden
Europe's neighbor
J.J. ____ of football
Fix, in a way
Animal feet
PDQ
Singer Ora
Singer Perry

Wednesday's Answer
A ONE
P R I X
B A N A
S L A M

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UP & DOWN WORDS

By David L. Hoyt and Russell L. Hoyt 3/30

1. LOOK

- Glance toward
- To any degree; in any way
- Clumsy
- Sign of approval
- Iceland, to Bermuda
- Ireland's locale
- Popular food fish

Wednesday's Answer
MIDDLE NAME OF COFFEE TABLE TENNIS ELBOW ROOM

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Across: 1. 35374, 3. 4739, 5. 7455, 7. 226279, 8. 4747
Down: 1. 3296, 2. 483, 4. 7879, 5. 7823, 6. 54254

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Today's theme Colors

Use the phone keypad to decode the clues. For example: 2 could be A, D or C, and 5/6/7 could be F/G/H.

Yesterday's solution

DON'T QUOTE ME

Actress Mindy Kaling talks about independence.

Rearrange the words to complete the quote.
ANYONE CARE DESIRES MARRIAGE MYSELF NEED NOW

I DON'T NEED _____. I DON'T _____
TO TAKE CARE OF ALL MY NEEDS AND _____, I
CAN TAKE _____ OF THEM _____.

Wednesday's Answer: "The net is a waste of time, and that's exactly what's right about it." - William Gibson