Smokey
LA Police Chief Daryl Gates Dead at 83
What Spells Trouble
Crips & Bloods
Delfonic
Somebody told me we got LA
Tar Baby
Prince George’s County
Line of Reason
Picturing My Father Running Anywhere (& For What?)
The Authority
How often I’ve turned to Latasha Harlins, who would have been 43 this July
Jailbird Blues
No More Birminghams
Midnight Special
The Snooty Fox
As in . . . Afro-Pessimism?
Dog Star Rising
Place Your Bets
Grief
On Becoming River Rat, Fat-Tongued and/or Finding Your Once Pretty Body at the Park, Full of Holes
Eye Witness
Other Women’s Children
Don’t Forget You(r) Lunch
poem in which i attempt to explain to my sons . . .
What Was Ocean
The Whipping
The Wall
The Curiosities
Like a Natural Man
Worry the Rosemary
“Young Hearts, Run Free” (’76)
When Miss Lucy Sings
Black Dragons
This Bitter Earth
Nothing But a Man
Featuring Lonette McKee as Sister
Fred Williamson Stars as “The Hammer”
Gator Purify
Black Dragons
Pac-Man
Another Epitaph for Nino
The Human Tornado
Raising Hell
Waiting
Priest and the Revolution
DeBarge
Mystery Woman Speaks 30 Years Later
Doo-Wop
Black Diaspora
Strawberry
Other Acts of Terror
The Midsection
If not as in a wilderness, then
Women Named Barbara
Between Work
Estrella @ Noon
Affirmative Action Babies

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