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Dry-Docked By Fame, Claims Redding

"Once a lady finds out who I am," laments eighteen-year-old **Otis Redding III** of **The Reddings**, "they come on stronger and I hate that. I try to keep them from knowing who I am."

As a result, the Saggittarian muses, he hasn't been meeting any interesting girls lately. "They always find out," he explains, "then they change. It's really rough....and lonely."

Redding adds, "most of the time, I pretend I don't know what they're doing, but the joke is on them. I won't keep up a relationship with a girl after she changes." He says he devotes most of his time, energy and interest to the trio, however. Redding is the youngest member of the trio and plays the guitar. He also writes and composes, as does older brother **Dexter** (a 21-year-old Libra) and cousin **Mark Lockett** (a 24-year-old Libra).

The family own a comfortable ranch in Macon, Georgia, where Otis will beat loneliness by taking a long walk or playing his stereo loudly. "On the road, I play my guitar. I just climb into my music to get away from the blues."

In a review I wrote for *Billboard Magazine* last year, I lauded the Reddings for their dynamic stage show. It was this year's album, "Steamin' Hot", however, that established their solid professional recording credentials. This time around they also co-produced.

The trio wrote all of the material except for a tribute cover of their father's classic "(Sittin' On) The Dock Of The Bay". When it first came up, there was concern that people would think we were exploiting my father's music," says Otis, "but actually, my Mom wanted us to do it as a tribute. Now that it's caught on, I think the entire album speaks for itself."

Zelma Redding, incidentally, is also the group's manager. "She wasn't active in my father's career, but she had her eyes open. For a housewife, she learned a lot, she's pretty sharp. If we can't do something, she knows how to go out and get someone who can." Redding notes that the trio has created virtually all of their own choreography without assistance from anyone, not even Mom.

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Elektra/Asylum's **Bruce Lundvall** has backed up his first all-muscle Jazz line-up (which included **Charlie Parker, Freddy Hubbard, John McLaughlin** and **Lee Ritenour)** on the new Elektra/Musician label with a second package of eight equally stunning artists.

The new package boasts **Billy Cogham, Woody Shaw, Bud Powell, Max Roach & Sonny Collins, Dexter Gordon, Mose Allison, Bobby McFerrin** and **David Sancious.**

Roach and Collins are doing never-before-released material from the late **Clifford Brown,** but all eight albums are important, bright and colorful.

"I heard sounds in my head as a kid," New Jersey-born Sancious tells me. "I used to dream of a keyboard where I could bend notes and get a vibrato....I've got that in a synthesizer, which plays a big role in my music." He's a ten-year veteran of session work, dating to early associations with **Bruce Springsteen.**

"On 'The Bridge', I wanted to go as deeply into myself as I possibly could. The album takes you to beautiful places you might not have experienced before. If I can move someone deeply in a healthy, vibrant way, then I've performed a worthwhile service." All eight of these albums provide that service.

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Did you know **Cameo's Charlie Singleton** designs and sews his own clothes and plays 41 instruments? And I thought **Ray Parker** did it all....**Jerry Butler** calls to say he's working with **Crusader Stix Hooper** on a Hooper album....Atlantic has re-released **Ph.D's** "I Won't Let You Down" in a new version after its chart-topping success in Europe....In a twist on the little old lady in the department store booth, the Atlantic City Playboy Casino has a new casino information guide in pocketbook size and a staff of information bunnies to pass them out....Tropicana/Las Vegas has employees promoting "55 Smiles an Hour". It would make a nice world-wide policy, don't you think?....**Harry Mills** dead at 68. I saw the brothers perform many times these last few years; the trendsetters always held their own against young pups like **Ross** and **Warwick, Sinatra** and **Paul Anka.**

Tuesday Evening

July 27, 1982

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7	00	CBS News	NBC News	M.A.S.H.	MacNeil/	Welcomeback	Good Times	Green	Joker's
	15	"	"	"	Lehrer	Kotter	"	Acres	Wild
	30	P.M.	Family	Jeffersons	This Old	M.A.S.H.	P.M.	Atlanta	Tic Tac
	45	Magazine	Feud	"	House	"	Magazine	Braves	Dough
8	00	CBS	Father	CBS	Danger UXB	Incredible	Happy Days	"	Happy Days
	15	Special:	Murphy	Special:	"	Hulk	"	"	"
	30	"Blind	"	"Blind	"	"	Laverne &	"	Laverne &
	45	Ambition"	"	Ambition"	"	"	Shirley	"	Shirley
9	00	"	Bret	"	Mystery!	Merv Griffin	Three's	"	Three's
	15	"	Maverick	"	"	"	Company	"	Company
	30	"	"	"	"	"	Too Close	"	Too Close
	45	"	"	"	"	"	For Comfort	"	For Comfort
10	00	"	McClain's	"	Tinker,	News	Hart To Hart	"	Hart To Hart
	15	"	Law	"	Tailor,	"	"	"	"
	30	"	"	"	Soldier,	"	"	TBS News	"
	45	"	"	"	Spy	"	"	"	"
11	00	News	Benny Hill	News	Alfred	M.A.S.H.	News	"	News
	15	"	"	"	Hithcock	"	"	"	"
	30	Alice	Tonight	M.A.S.H.	Dave Allen	Odd Couple	Nightline	All In The	Nightline
	45	"	"	"	At Large	"	"	Family	"
12	00	McCloud	"	Rockford		Perry Mason	Fantasy	Atlanta	Fantasy
	15	"	"	Files		"	Island	Braves	Island
	30	"	David	"		"	"	Replay	"
	45	"	Letterman	"		"	"	"	"

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	30	P.M.	Family	Jeffersons	Last Chance	M.A.S.H.	P.M.	Atlanta	Tic Tac
	45	Magazine	Feud	"	Garage	"	Magazine	Braves	Dough
8	00	CBS	Real	CBS	Gentle	Incredible	Greatest	"	Greatest
	15	Special:	People	Special:	Killers	Hulk	American	"	American
	30	"Blind	"	"Blind	"	"	Hero	"	Hero
	45	Ambition"	"	Ambition"	Kingston	"	"	"	"
9	00	"	Facts Of	"	Trio &	Merv Griffin	The Fall	"	The Fall
	15	"	Life	"	Friends	"	Guy	"	Guy
	30	"	Love	"	"	"	"	"	"
	45	"	Sidney	"	"	"	"	"	"
10	00	"	Quincy	"	Hitchcock	News	Dynasty	"	Dynasty
	15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	30	"	"	"	Carthage	"	"	TBS News	"
	45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11	00	News 2	Benny Hill	News	Alfred	M.A.S.H.	News	"	News
	15	"	"	"	Hitchcock	"	"	"	"
	30	Late Movie:	Tonight	M.A.S.H.	Dave Allen	Odd Couple	Nightline	All In The	Nightline
	45	"	"	"	At Large	"	"	Family	"
12	00	"	"	Rockford		Perry Mason	Love Boat	Atlanta	Love Boat
	15	"	"	Files		"	"	Braves	"
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8	00	Magnum,PI	Fame	Magnum,PI	Paper	Metromedia:	Darkroom	TBS Movie:	Darkroom
	15	"	"	"	Chase	"Murder	"	"	"
	30	"	"	"	"	On The	"	"	"
	45	"	"	"	"	Orient	"	"	"
9	00	CBS	Diff'rent	CBS	Sneak	Express"	Barney	"	Barney
	15	Special:	Strokes	Special:	Previews	"	Miller	"	Miller
	30	"Blind	High	"Blind	HitchHiker	"	Police	"	Police
	45	Ambition"	Five	Ambition"	Guide	"	Squad	"	Squad
10	00	"	Hill Street	"	Austin City	News	20/20	TBS News	20/20
	15	"	Blues	"	Limits	"	"	"	"
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	30	McMillan &	David	"		"	"	"	"
	45	Wife"	Letterman	"		"	"	"	"