

## Memorial Planned for Soul Singer

MADISON, Wis.--Drummer Clyde Stubblefield remembers where he was 19 years ago when the voice of a legend in the making named Otis Redding was silenced forever.

Stubblefield was backing soul singer James Brown on a St. Louis stage Dec. 10, 1967, when the announcement was made that a plane carrying Redding and his entourage had crashed into a Madison lake.

"The whole place went silent," said Stubblefield, who had played behind Redding. "Otis was only 26, but he was well known among rhythm and blues fans. He was really hot. He may have gotten bigger than James Brown."

Eleven former members of Redding's band and the Pinetoppers, another soul group, are performing a benefit concert tonight to raise money for a memorial near Lake Monona, where Redding and six others died when their twin-engine Beechcraft crashed three miles short of the Dane County Airport.

Only days before the tragedy, Redding had recorded "(Sitting on the) Dock of the Bay," which was released the next month and became his best-selling record. He had performed that year at the Monterey Pop Festival with Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix.

At tonight's concert, "We're going to be real close to what Otis was," said vocalist Arthur "B" Pondner. "I've been there and watched Otis, everything he did.

"Sometimes I feel like his voice is inside me. He was my favorite, and had he been living today, he would have been at the top."

"We're elated," James R. Yarbrough, a Redding fan and spokesman for the Otis Redding Memorial Fund, said of the reunion of Redding's sidemen. "Never in our wildest dreams did we think that Otis' band would reunite. It's a measure of the respect they had for the man."

It was after a Pinetoppers recording session in Memphis, Tenn., ended prematurely in 1962 that Redding, then a shy 21-year-old from Macon, Ga., who was working as a chauffeur for one of the musicians, asked to use the remaining studio time.

## Activist, Singer, Director Honored at NAACP Image Awards

LOS ANGELES—South African activist Winnie Mandela, singer Dionne Warwick and Steven Spielberg's movie "The Color Purple" were cited at the 19th annual NAACP Image Awards, which recognize positive images of blacks in the entertainment industry.

Mandela was given the organization's "Key of Life" award, given annually to a person considered a leader in the human rights movement. It was accepted Sunday on her behalf by South African



Dionne Warwick

singer Miriam Makeba.

Warwick won the "Entertainer of the Year" award and "The Color Purple" was named best motion picture of the year. Whoopie Goldberg was named best actress and Oprah Winfrey best supporting actress for their roles in "Color Purple."

The result was "These Arms of Mine," Redding's first hit. His other recordings included "I've Been Loving You Too Long," "Respect," "Try a Little Tenderness," and "The Happy Song."

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## It's The Wildest New Year's Eve Party In Las Vegas -- That's Rock 'N Roll's Living Legends -- Sha Na Na!!

Everyone's favorites, Sha Na Na, will be back in Las Vegas in the Sahara's Congo Showroom from Dec. 26 - Jan. 4. Along with putting on the wildest rockin' and rollin' show in town during their engagement, the group promises the wildest New Year's Eve bash in town.

Rock 'in Roll's Living Legends will perform nightly at 8:00 p.m. and midnight except Monday, Dec. 29 and New Year's Eve. The cost per show is just \$14.95. While the Congo Showroom will be dark on the 29th, New Year's Eve will see several Sha Na Na choices for fans. The 8:00 p.m. show will offer a choice between a gourmet dinner prepared by the world famous award-winning chef Otto Ramoser

for \$39.95 or cocktails only for \$19.95. The 11:00 p.m. show will feature cocktails or champagne for two, party favors and the chance to bring in the New Year with Sha Na Na for \$39.95.

The always-entertaining group has two platinum and three gold albums behind them, their own smash television show and the mega-hit movie "Grease" to their credit. The members hail from Boston, Atlanta, New York, Kansas City, Boise, and San Diego. It's a good time you're looking for over the holidays are especially on New Year's Eve, plan to spend a couple hours with Chico, Jocko, Lennie, Donny, Screamin' Scott, Tito, Mighty Joe, and Dora (the first greaserett!) --

## Cornell Gunter & Coasters Record New Album

The famous Las Vegas based group Cornell Gunter & The Coasters are back in the recording studio, putting the finishing touches on their latest album; "Love In My Heart."

The title song was written by the group and is bound to be a smash in 1987. Also on the album will be some of the "Coasters" million-sellers, along with some exciting original material which is sure to cause alot of commotion in the industry.

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