

OF THE STARS



desk at the Aladdin....Saints & Sinners roasted J. GORDON LIDDY in the Le Cage Room of the Riviera this past Tuesday. The Watergate figure revealed the old stale news that White House Plumbers tried but failed to break into HANK GREENSPUN's Las Vegas Sun Office hoping to find secret records of mammoth campaign contributions by HOWARD HUGHES to various politicians, including PRESIDENT NIXON. BOB MAHUE, Hughes' Nevada operations chief made several comments during the roast, but kept mum when the GREENSPUN burglary was aired. Smacked at the start by comic ARTIE BROOKS as "our dubious guest," LIDDY cracked back with some one-liners, saying "A little skulduggery never hurt anyone." TOM SMOTHERS hooted at LIDDY, saying that he'd never done anything positive for America. "Nonsense," LIDDY shot back. "I helped defeat McGOVERN." Someone in S&S should have nailed the convicted felon LIDDY -- "Yeah, but

McGOVERN's manners, morals and ethics would have made a great statesman president, never a crook like your foul-mouthed leader of the pack, NIXON!"

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MELISSA MANCHESTER takes on a three-nighter Friday/Saturday in the Golden Nugget Cabaret, with LOU RAWLS drawing his tunes starting the 30th...MITZI SHORE's Comedy Store has the Dunes crowds breaking up this week with JOHN CAPONERA, LOUIS DUART, CHARLIE HILL, KARIN BABBITT and REX MEREDITH. HILL is a new face to the Dunes comedy editions, an American Indian from Oneida, Wis....Vegas elite will be joined by elsewhere elite on Feb. 8 when the Butterfly Ball raises funds for the Nathan Adelson Hospice at MGM Grand. The big ones are BARBARA WALTERS and CARY GRANT, double charring, while scads of Vegas socialites (really!) will join the chorus of "Jubilee" the production show loaded to the occasion for the evening. The dinner and works for \$250 will be staged in the Ziegfeld Theater.

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GLORIA LORING forgets "Days of Our Lives" while she sings instead of soaps, having a week's date at Caesars Palace with GEORGE BURNS closing Monday. EDDY ARNOLD & LENNON SISTERS start their chirps Wednesday...Jazz singer MARK MURPHY had the spotlight during ALAN GRANT's Monday Night

U.S.B.A. Middleweight Title Bout Set At Caesars Palace March 9

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — U.S. Boxing Association middleweight champion John Collins will meet "Rockin'" Robbie Sims in a 12-round title fight at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on Sunday, March 9.

and rescheduled due to an injury Hagler suffered in training.

The March 9 fight was announced by Top Rank Inc. and Caesars Palace.

Collins, a 25-year-old native of Chicago, Illinois, is 34-1-1 with 29 knockouts. He won the vacant U.S.B.A. title in 1985 when he knocked out previously unbeaten Pennsylvanian Mark Holmes, younger brother of former world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.

Sims, a 26-year-old native of Brockton, Massachusetts, ran his record to 23-4-1 (16 KOs) last month by stopping Mario Timeo in four rounds. He is managed and trained by Pat and Goody Petronelli -- the same successful duo that has guided Hagler throughout his career.

The Collins vs. Sims match is scheduled for live broadcast on the NBC television network

(blacked out in Las Vegas).

Both the March 9 and March 10 cards are being promoted by Top Rank Inc., in association with Caesars Palace, and will be staged in Caesars Palace's 15,000-seat outdoor stadium. Fewer than 5,000 tickets remain available for the March 10 doubleheader, which will be broadcast live only on pay-preview and closed circuit outlets.

Tickets for the Collins vs. Sims fight March 9 are priced at \$40 for ground floor and reserved seating, \$20 general admission.



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