

\$7 MILLION HACIENDA FACE LIFT

Riddle: What was approximately 300 feet long, 200 feet wide, weighed about six tons, kept "sidewalk engineers" enthralled for a few hours, and had traffic at the south end of the Strip stopped for about 15 minutes? Answer: The old canopy at the Hacienda Hotel and Casino. Reason: To make way for the new canopy and front entrance, all a part of the exciting

\$7 million face lift currently underway at the Hacienda. The huge mass of cement edged with rows of lights was lowered as gently as a baby, with the aid of carefully-guided cranes onto a waiting flatbed truck, and gingerly driven away. At the far end of the recently constructed circular drive, now stands the new canopy and entryway into the

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enlarged resort complex. Progress on the face lift, which began several months ago, has moved along at a fast pace. The new addition will house three bar areas, including a 200 seat lounge; front desk counter; gift shop; and double the existing casino space. New executive offices will occupy the second floor.

The 538 rooms and suites are in the process of being refurbished, in shades of rust, gold and beige in keeping with the planned desert decor theme, as well as in hues of light blue and soft turquoise. Already completed is the new clover leaf pool and jacuzzi, enhanced by lavish, manicured landscape. Also completed is the snack and bar area poolside as well as six new tennis courts.

Other plans included in the face lift are the remodeling of the Palm Room and Garden Room restaurants, and a highrise, with construction slated to begin about December 1.

Everything is coming up new at the Hacienda Hotel and Casino, with the exception of the warm and friendly atmosphere that has always been associated with the hotel.

The appointment of Herb Tobman as Executive Vice-President of the Stardust Hotel was announced here today by Allan D. Sachs, President of the famed resort.

Tobman, 49, a Las Vegas resident for 22 years, joined the Stardust organization three years ago and most recently served as administrative assistant to the president.

In announcing the appointment, Sachs said, "We are indeed fortunate to have an executive of Herb Tobman's caliber in the vital post of executive vice-president. In addition to working directly with me in operating the hotel, Mr. Tobman will also be heavily involved in planning for the future of the Stardust."

Tobman and his wife, Jean, are well known throughout the Las Vegas area for their many civic activities.

As well, Tobman served for 15 years as a member of the Southern Nevada Officials Association, officiating at thousands of local college and high school basketball games.

Tobman has also served as a member of the Clark County Planning Commission, the Las Vegas City Recreational Advisory Board, of which he was chairman for one year, and as chief deputy coroner.

He presently holds the post as trustee for the Culinary Workers and Bartenders Pension Fund.

A Navy veteran of World War II, Tobman is a past commander of the Jewish War Veterans and a member of the Elks and Temple Beth Shalom.

In addition to spending time with his five children and two grandchildren, Tobman is an avid flyer, tennis enthusiast and horseback rider.

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