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Hernandez,

Frank Tropicana former executive and casino world - renowned gampersonality, has ing been appointed execupresident tive vice of the Rendezvous Hotel and Casino, and Freddie DeFlorentis has been named casino manager, according to an announcement made by the co - owners of the downtown casino, Phil Stearns and M. Arthur Shenker, Jr., chairman of the board of directors and president, respectively.

DeFlorentis, a na-tive of Cleveland, Ohio, came to Las Vegas in 1959, as a dealer, slot floorman, and progressed rapidly as a floorman and shift boss at several major Las Vegas casinos including the Sahara, Aladdin and Tropicana, He's agraduate of Cleveland Heights High School, lettering in football as an allstar linebacker.

He met his wife, Lynn, during his senior high school year. They enjoy football, swimming and watersports and raising money for Freddie's chief avo-cation, "the fight against diabetes."

DeFlorentis served as an architectural the Tropicana nightengineer at Brookes Medical Center in San Antonio, assisting in the astronaut program in the Space Training Center. He has been a shift boss at The Rendezvous since it opened on opened on April 1, this year.

His father was a commander in the Italian Navy. His mother ino in the Bahamas. is from the family of Emilio



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world-renowned dress and fashion designer.

Hernandez recently resigned his post as director of casino operations for the director operations for hotels in American Szn Juan and Aruba, to return to Las Vegas and his new position at the Rendezvous. His gaming career started in his native Cuba and Havana, club and casino. He worked in all phases of the gaming business including the plush racetrack that operated in Havana during the pre - Castro era. He also held casino executive positions in Cat Cay, Freeport (Grand Bahamas) and Paradise Island Cas-He eventually openagency in operating the Bahamas, Martin and Las Vegas, including the Bonanza Hotel, replaced by the giant MĜM.

A foot, two inches tall, Hernandez to be a public accountant in the University of Havana. After several years "on campus," Hernandez decided to pursue a gaming career -- one that he has enjoyed for the past 25 years.

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