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Foreword

The first time I met Norm Clarke, he confessed that he thought I was a mob guy. Not long afterwards, *The Sopranos* agreed.

I've lived in Las Vegas for 25 years and I can tell you the idea of a gossip columnist covering our town wasn't immediately embraced. But Norm's style and accuracy quickly made him the "Page Six" of Las Vegas. When I open the *Review-Journal*, the first thing I turn to is Norm — just like most of the locals.

Whether it's a national story or a juicy local angle, Norm gets it and gets it right. I'm not quite sure how he does it, but he doesn't miss a thing.

When you're in Vegas and you want to know who's where, who's been there, and what they did, check out Norm's "Vegas Confidential." He's been a terrific friend to the city — and to the cast of *The Sopranos*. When Tony (Paulie Walnuts) Sirico met Norm for the first time, he said, "I'd hate to see what the other guy looks like."

Let me give it to you straight: You haven't made it in Vegas until you've made Norm's column.

—Steve Schirripa, *The Sopranos*



Above: Steve Schirripa
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