

I FIND IT

~~It's always~~ interesting to see how well one responds to being put in the spotlight. Well, that has happened to me once again. Here I am tossing myself back out there for inspection, thanks to Brian Papstein, who is the master on the spotlight.

Hello, my name is Mike Jones and I am potentially on the Community Comment team as of today, part time or otherwise.

Some of you may know me from a few other spotlights, most recently as the 5th Ward City Councilman for the City of Eureka, a twenty-year stint in Radio and TV, as well as Eureka's

Uncle Sam. So, you might say I have something to talk about.

One could say I am not a stranger to public speaking, but this time, something's different. Now I am pondering mixing my information, feelings and emotions with a great cast of interesting commentators, all rolled into something that you, the listener, might find interesting.

I come from a relatively strong family background in the spot light business. Some of you might even remember the name Allen Jones.

Yes, he was the relative that helped shaped me and taught me to accept the spot light. Dad was a member of the Coast Guard in

WW11, worked as a merchant marine and came back to become a Longshoreman in San Francisco in 45. In his spare time, he

attended the Holloway School of Acting and appeared on live soap operas on KGO-TV and worked with dozens of theatre groups in the Bay Area. He rolled from all of that to a job with Safeway, which brought him to Eureka, with family in toe, to manage a store in Henderson Center in 1957. When he left Safeway in 61, his new passion became KVIQ-TV Channel 6. Everyone remembered him for two things. His walking stick, a 6 iron, and his closing comment on his weekly editorial; **That's our view, what's yours?"**

I have been a longtime fan of KINS radio going back to the 70's, with names like, news director Norman Lee and Engineer Dean Elliot.

Their names, and many more names should be in the Humboldt County Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, which a bunch of baby boomer broadcasters tried to start some years back.

I'd like to dedicate this community comment to the broadcasters who pioneered these air waves and those that sustain it, for giving people, like me and others the opportunity to use them to speak whatever's on our minds. Yes, you know it's coming, at

least this one time, with a tad different twist, **"That's my view, what's yours?"** Oh, if you don't hear from me again, get out and Vote next week!