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“A Long Road to Tao: A Thought-Provoking and Uplifting Film Inspired by a True Story”

**KSQD 90.7FM “Be Bold America!” Sunday,
February 25, 2024 at 5:00pm (PDT)**

This interview will take you on a **journey into the recesses of your soul** and will explore the ontological question:

What is our underlying essence?

Internationally acclaimed, **Pulitzer Prize nominated, and local author and filmmaker, Michael A. Allen**, uses the metaphor of the sea, and its ebb and flow, to describe the Tao of life’s cycle.

And, he discovers within this unique reflection a **new way to comfort and heal the Self from the trauma** of death. Michael was inspired to write his book *Tao of Surfing: Finding Depth at Low Tide* after his lifelong **best friend and surfing partner suddenly** came out as gay and died from AIDS in 1989.

The book subsequently became the basis for the **soon-to-be-released feature film, [A Long Road to Tao](#)**, which Michael co-wrote and produced.

Michael Allen will be joined in this interview by **[A Long Road to Tao](#) cast member and fellow surfer, Mike Clancy**, to discuss the book, the making of the film, the politics surrounding the AIDS crisis of the 1980s, and **how the film relates to political issues facing the LGBTQ community today.**

Interview Guest (picture attached):

Michael A Allen: Internationally acclaimed, and **Pulitzer Prize nominated author** Michael A Allen, hold a **Master's degree in Philosophy** and Certificate and Asian Studies from California State University at Long Beach, and is a member of the Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society. While serving as President of the Student Philosophy Association, he **chaired a Medical Ethics session** for a seminar on Applied Ethics. He also presented “The Application of Taoist Principles in Everyday Living” at **University of Hawaii's International Society** for Chinese Philosophy Conference. Michael, his wife, and their children live along the Central Coast of California. He has been surfing for over 30 years.

Interview Guest (picture attached):

Mike Clancy holds degrees in oceanography and meteorology and is a former **Technical and Scientific Director of the U.S. Navy's Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center** in Monterey. He has authored over **100 publications in meteorology, oceanography and information technology**, and received over 50 professional awards, including **the Navy's highest civilian award**, the *Distinguished Civilian Service Award*, signed by the Secretary of the Navy. Mike serves on the **"Question Review Team" for the Annual Leon Panetta Lecture Series** and is a frequent public speaker on climate change. **He currently Chairs the Monterey County Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby.**

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