

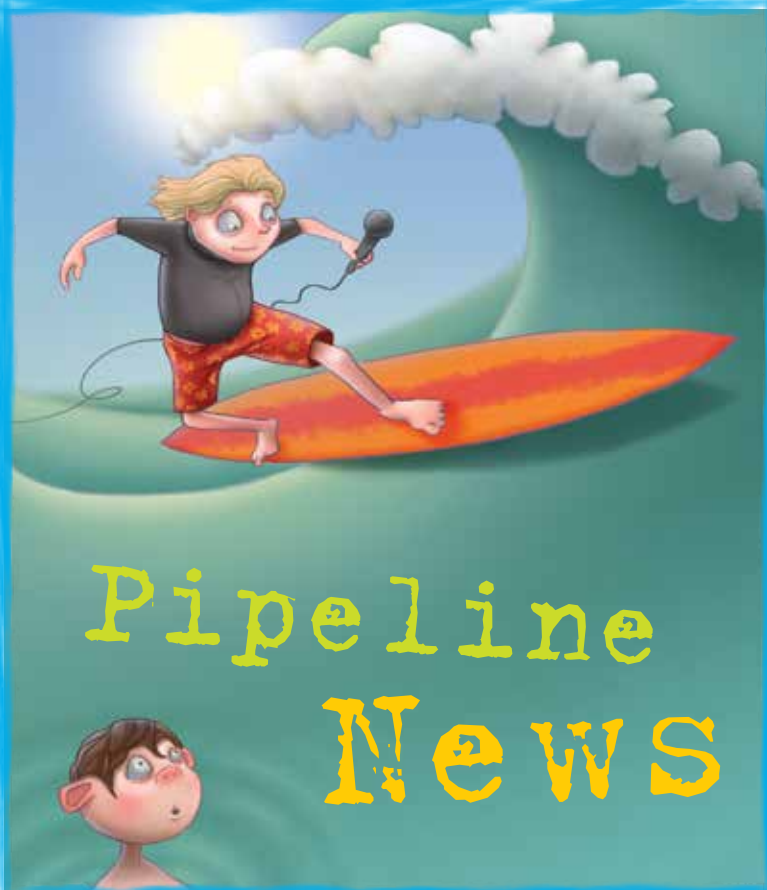


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LALI: Wakey, wakey, people! It's six A.M., and you're listening to Lali on Hawaii's PNN, the Pipeline News Network!

Now, it's time for the show you've all been waiting for—*Pipeline News!* Let's go live to Brad. Tell us what's happening on the Big Island, Brad.



Big Island

BRAD: Brad here, reporting from the PNN chopper! Right now, I'm flying low over the Big Island. It's beautiful!



I can see the golden beaches and the waving palm trees. Now, as I get even closer, I can see those enormous coconuts. They're so tempting, and I'm so thirsty.

Wait one second, listeners.

I'm putting the chopper on autopilot while I reach out to grab a coconut. Whoa! That wasn't the autopilot button—it was the ejector seat!

Yee-haw! This is one cool ride!

I can see for miles!

Hey, there's a school of dolphins! And it seems like some careless guy has lost his chopper. Whoops, that's mine.

But I haven't got time to worry about that because now I'm about to splash down in three... two...one! Here we go!



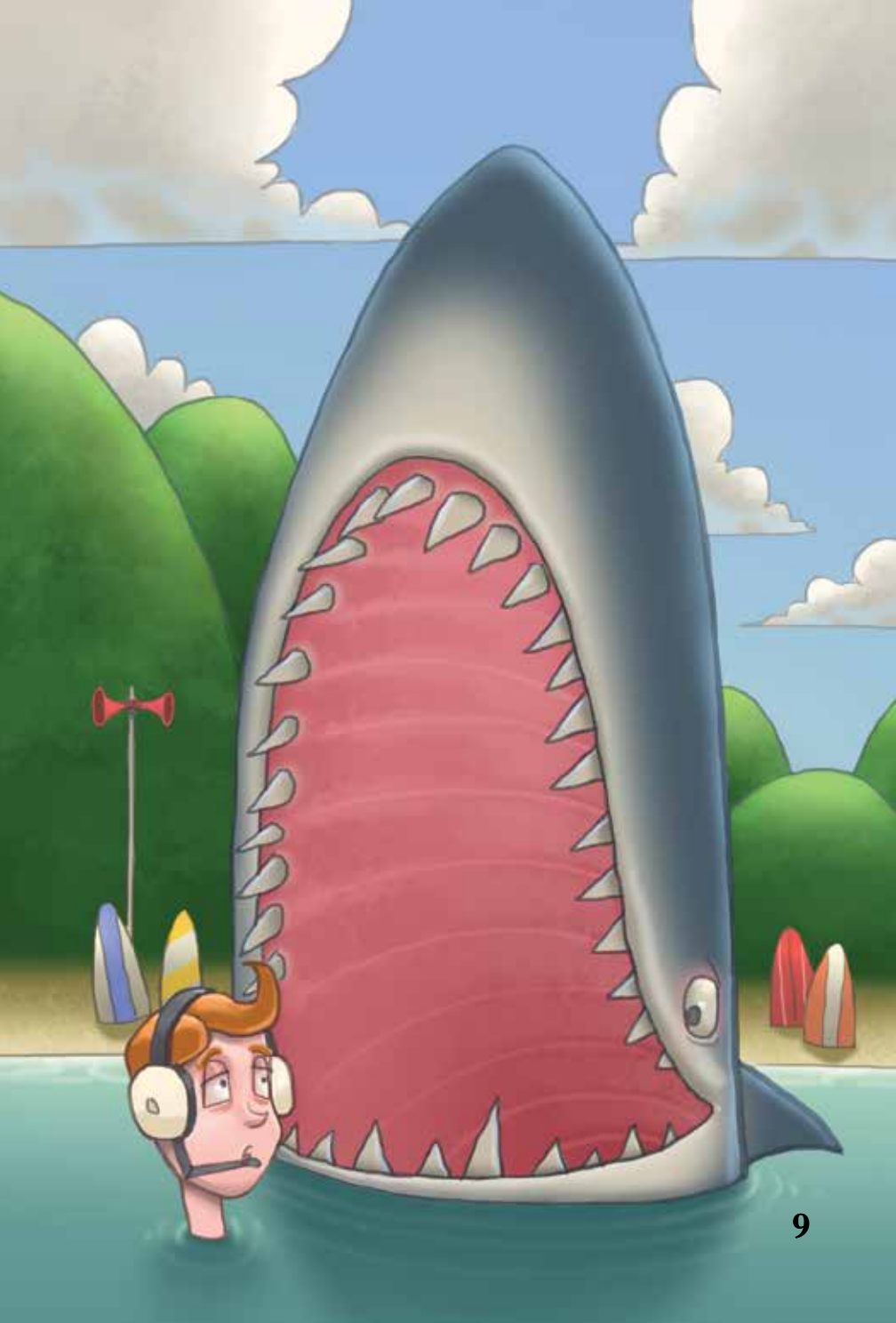
Man, oh man, it's a fine day for surfing! The water is perfect! There are surfers all around, and they are flying across the waves!

But wait, that's weird. They're all heading back to the beach. Now, they're sounding an alarm. And I see teeth—a lot of teeth.

Oh, my! That wasn't a school of dolphins. It was a shiver of sharks!

This is Brad, signing off from the Big Island.

LALI: Thanks for that update, Brad. Let's go now to Rad...





Kauai

RAD: I'm surfing off the island of Kauai. And I'm about to do an aerial. I'm going to launch my board from the top of a wave. It's very tricky, surfers, so leave it to an expert, like me.

Here I go! Well...actually, I couldn't do it. But I did perform another amazing trick called a *wipeout*.

LALI: Well done, Rad. What's it like out there today?

RAD: It's wet, Lali. Very wet. There's water everywhere.

LALI: Do you have any other details?

RAD: Sure do. I've got air temperature, water temperature, high tide, low tide, swell trackers, and storm warnings. I've got traffic reports, volcano reports, water quality, and air quality.

And, for the first ten surfers to come up to me and say,
“*I love Pipeline News!*”
I've got a tube of sunscreen and a free balloon!

I've got it all!

LALI: Fantastic!



RAD: The only thing I don't have is my board shorts. I left home in such a hurry this morning that I forgot all about them. It's a good thing this is radio and no one can see me!

LALI: Um, Rad, is there a plane circling above you?

RAD: As a matter of fact, there is.

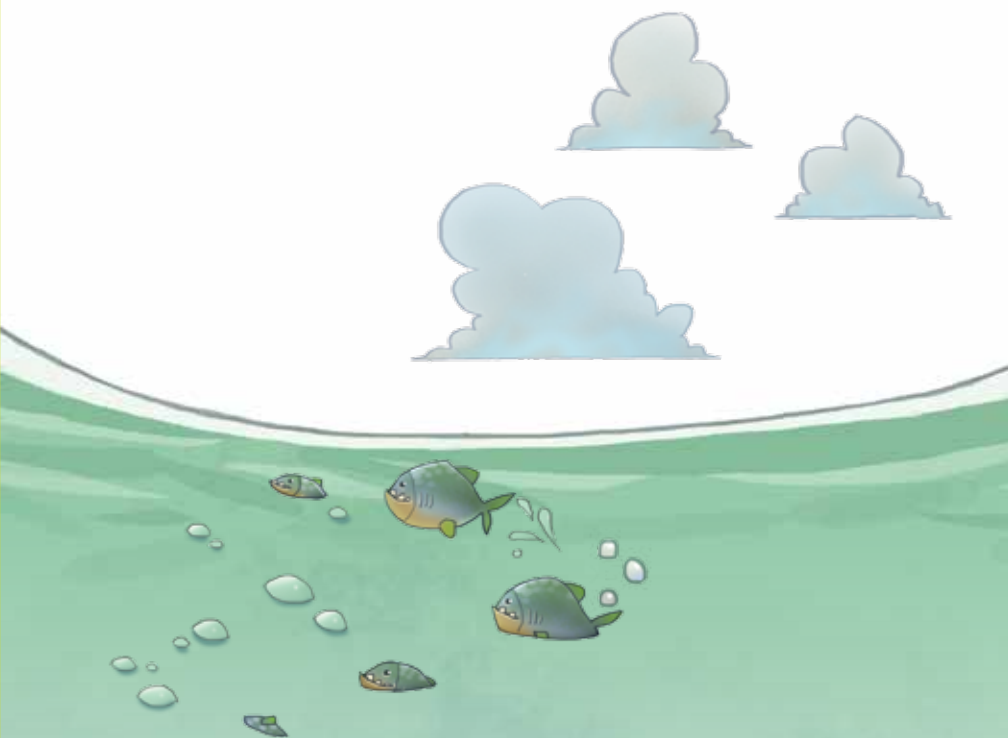
LALI: Does it have TV News on it?

RAD: Yes...I think it does.

LALI: Congratulations, Rad. You're a TV star!

RAD: Aaaaaaaggghhh! This is Rad, signing off from Kauai!





Mau i

LALI: Now, we go to Tad.

TAD: Welcome to wonderful Maui!
There's always something wild
going on down here.

Today, we had a sandcastle competition. And we also staged the famous Maui Elephant Run.

The sandcastles were incredible! So intricate! So clever! And so flattened! Maybe next year they should have the elephant run on a different day than the sandcastle competition.

Meanwhile, out in the surf, the waves are as high as skyscrapers, and there's a cyclone heading this way. There's also a chance of an underwater volcanic eruption and possibly a tsunami. But otherwise, conditions are ideal for surfing!

Even the jellyfish are enjoying it. As an added bonus, there is a school of very unusual fish that are playfully nibbling at my toes.



And now, adding to the excitement, a humpback whale has surfaced beside me. Maui is one of the best places in the world for whale watching, but this whale seems to be watching me! I think it wants to play, so I'm going to go a little closer... closer...just a little closer.

Wow! I've stumbled into an underwater cave. How lucky is that? It's so dark in here, and it smells kind of fishy. I wonder where that whale went—oops!

LALI: Are you okay, Tad? Tad? Seems like we've lost contact with Tad.

We'll go now to Jad.

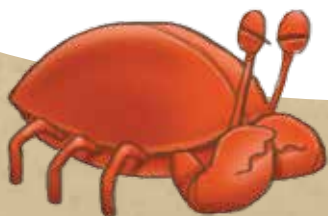




Oahu

JAD:

Yes, Jad here. There are several surfers out here with me, waiting to catch the next set of waves.



You might wonder what surfers do while they're waiting for a wave. Well, I'll tell you. Some are reading books. One is eating his breakfast (spaghetti on toast). One is talking on his cell phone, and another is strumming a guitar.

There's one crazy dude doing his ironing! He's probably an iron man. There are a few practicing surfing tricks. One guy is hanging five. One is hanging ten, and one is just hanging on—oh, that's me.

Here comes a wave! Up we go, riding the crest! And down we go! Gnarly, dudes!

The tube is throwing us around like corks! Just one fearless surfer is staying on his board!



It's me! Look at me go! No one has ever done cutbacks and aerials better than this! I'm going to be a legend. I'm...uh...oh, I'm in big trouble!

This is terrible! Awful! My mother has paddled out, and she isn't happy. Sorry, Lali, I have to go home—right now. I forgot to clean my room this morning.

LALI: Okay, Jad, make sure you do a good job.

Well, surfers, now you've got all the information you need to hit the boards and power through those waves! That brings us to the conclusion of *Pipeline News*. Thanks for listening, and happy surfing!



LALI:

Pipeline News was brought to you by the enchanted Hawaiian Islands. The Hawaiian Islands are located in the Pacific Ocean. Together, they form the state of Hawaii, the fiftieth state to join the United States of America. Hawaii is made up of six main islands and many smaller islands and reefs. You can take surfing lessons on almost every island.



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Tad

Jad



Brad

A cartoon illustration of a boy named Brad parachuting. He is wearing a red t-shirt, brown pants, and blue sneakers. He has large goggles on his face and is holding a red and white striped parachute. He is in a dynamic, curved pose, falling through a sky with light blue clouds.



Rad

A cartoon illustration of a boy named Rad underwater. He is wearing a red shirt with white polka dots and has a determined expression. He is holding a gold-colored scuba tank. Bubbles are rising from him, and there are several fish swimming around. The background is a greenish-blue underwater scene.

They never let you down...
well, at least they're fun to
listen to.

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