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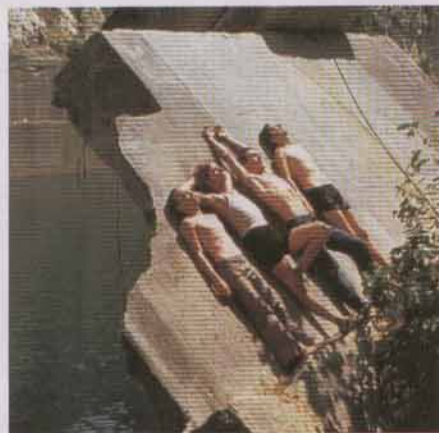


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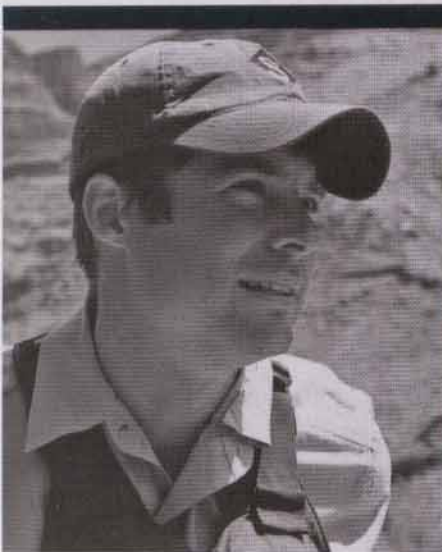


BREAKING AWAY: THE NO. 2 MOVIE ON OUR TOP TEN LIST

SUMMER. JUST THE SOUND OF THE WORD conjures up hot sun, gonzo bliss, open-ended travel, and cool adventure. To celebrate its glories (and to jump-start your play process), we're offering the best summer A-list ever, a jam-packed compendium of the greatest toys, thrills, trips, and tips to satisfy your body and soul. In "Ain't It Just Grand?" (page 66), we take you on a classic journey down the Colorado River with Martin Litton, one of the founding fathers of whitewater boating in the Grand Canyon and also one of our nation's most storied conservationists. "Feel the Heat" (page 87) offers you the lowdown on all manner of dog-day treasures, from a smokin' barbecue recipe and essential new gear to the last word on rope swings and urban inner-tubing. And don't miss "Journey to the Edge of Your Seat" (page 122), our big-screen celluloid special, in which we list the ten greatest adventure films of all time (arguments encouraged), talk to mega-hit writer-director James Cameron (*Titanic*, *The Terminator*), construct a riotous history of the action hero, reveal Lance Armstrong's favorite cycling flick, and much more.

Why devote this much effort to unadulterated thrills, chills, and fun? Because fun is one of the finest tonics around. Check out our mix and drink up.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: EVERETT COLLECTION; COREY RICH; NOE DEWITT; ROBERT MAXWELL; JARRET MARAIS



KEVIN FEDARKO

A Santa Fe, New Mexico-based correspondent who recently turned 40, Fedarko found it inspiring to accompany the unsinkable 87-year-old Martin Litton on his annual float down the Colorado River for "AIN'T IT JUST GRAND?"

It was an expedition that some people thought might be Litton's last. But, as Fedarko points out, "Martin has spent the past decade foiling predictions about his retirement from dory trips. He'll ride in an iron lung if he has to."



ROBERT MAXWELL

A renowned photographer—and a recreational surfer to boot—Maxwell is a huge fan of the 12 surf stars he shot in Hanalei, Kauai, home to some of the world's hottest wave wranglers ("HEAVY WATER," page 110). "People don't realize how heroic it is that these guys paddle out and surf waves that could actually kill them," says the San Clemente, California-based Maxwell, a frequent contributor to *The New York Times Magazine*. "Not many football players would go out for a pass if they thought they could wind up dead."



NOE DEWITT

A New York-based photographer, DeWitt always wanted to stage a photo shoot at the legendary Driftwood House, in Cocoa Beach, Florida, a landmark supposedly built with wood from an old shipwreck. He got his wish when we sent him south to document the action for "FEEL THE HEAT." "It was the most chill assignment ever," says DeWitt. "I just kind of let things happen on their own, and it was a laid-back, really natural process. It was the real deal."



MARK ANDERS

A dedicated wave rider who lives near the beach in Carlsbad, California, Anders figures he surfs 250 days out of the year—and he loves the kinship of the sport. So he was stoked when he talked to Kauai surf stars for "HEAVY WATER" and discovered they were simpatico. "It was amazing to interview Leila Hurst, who's 11, and Titus Nihl Kinimaka, who's 50, and hear both of them say surfing is a spiritual thing," says Anders, a frequent contributor to *Outside*. "I feel the same way."

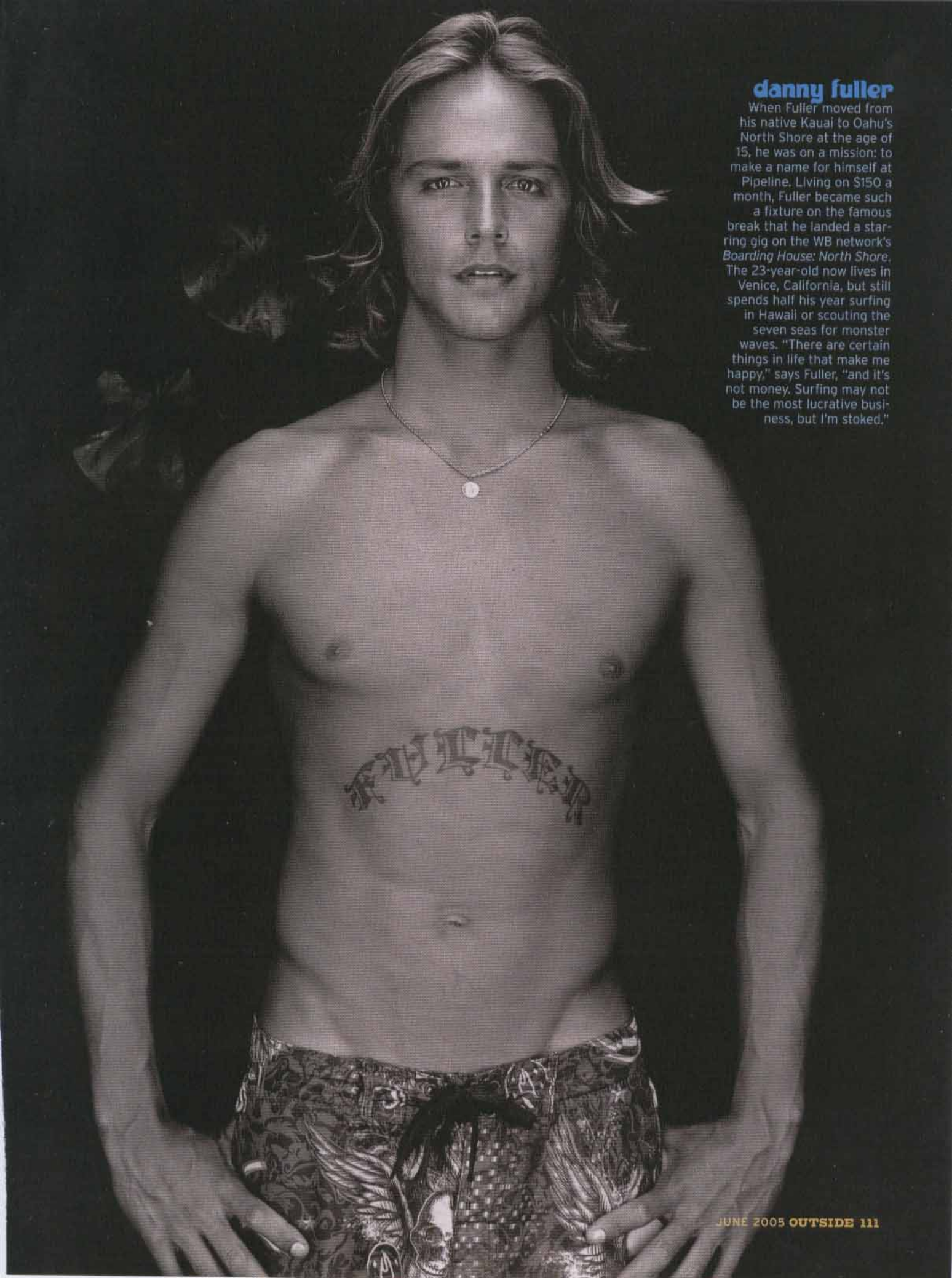
go in search of the epicenter of summer soul and you'll eventually wind up at hanalei bay, in Kauai, hawaii. among this tight-knit community of surfers, the days revolve around the sun, the wind, and one of the most revered waves on the planet. "hanalei bay is a spiritual place," says local big-wave rider titus nihi kinimaka. "to some people, this life is a calling." in the pages that follow, we honor that calling with an exclusive portfolio of champions, icons, beauties, and young phenoms from the legendary hanalei scene. text by mark anders

portraits from surfing's
invincible underground

heavy

portfolio by robert maxwell

water



danny fuller

When Fuller moved from his native Kauai to Oahu's North Shore at the age of 15, he was on a mission: to make a name for himself at Pipeline. Living on \$150 a month, Fuller became such a fixture on the famous break that he landed a starring gig on the WB network's *Boarding House: North Shore*. The 23-year-old now lives in Venice, California, but still spends half his year surfing in Hawaii or scouting the seven seas for monster waves. "There are certain things in life that make me happy," says Fuller, "and it's not money. Surfing may not be the most lucrative business, but I'm stoked."



**titus nihi
Kinimaka**

No surfer is more synonymous with his hometown wave than the 50-year-old "Godfather of Hanalei." The full-blooded Hawaiian may have mellowed with age, but he's still the king, says his cousin Sanoë Lake. "No one ever paddles for his waves."

It was back in the mid-1970s that Kinimaka first developed a reputation for being something of a heavy.

"He's the original local," says Gavin Sutherland, 29, a pro surfer from Oahu. In fact, Kinimaka's permission is still "required" before outsiders can surf certain hallowed spots on the island. Kinimaka owns and teaches at Kauai's first surf academy, the Hawaiian School of Surfing, founded by his late brother, Percy, in 1960. "It's a blessing to be able to live this life," says Kinimaka. "I just follow my path and surf every day."

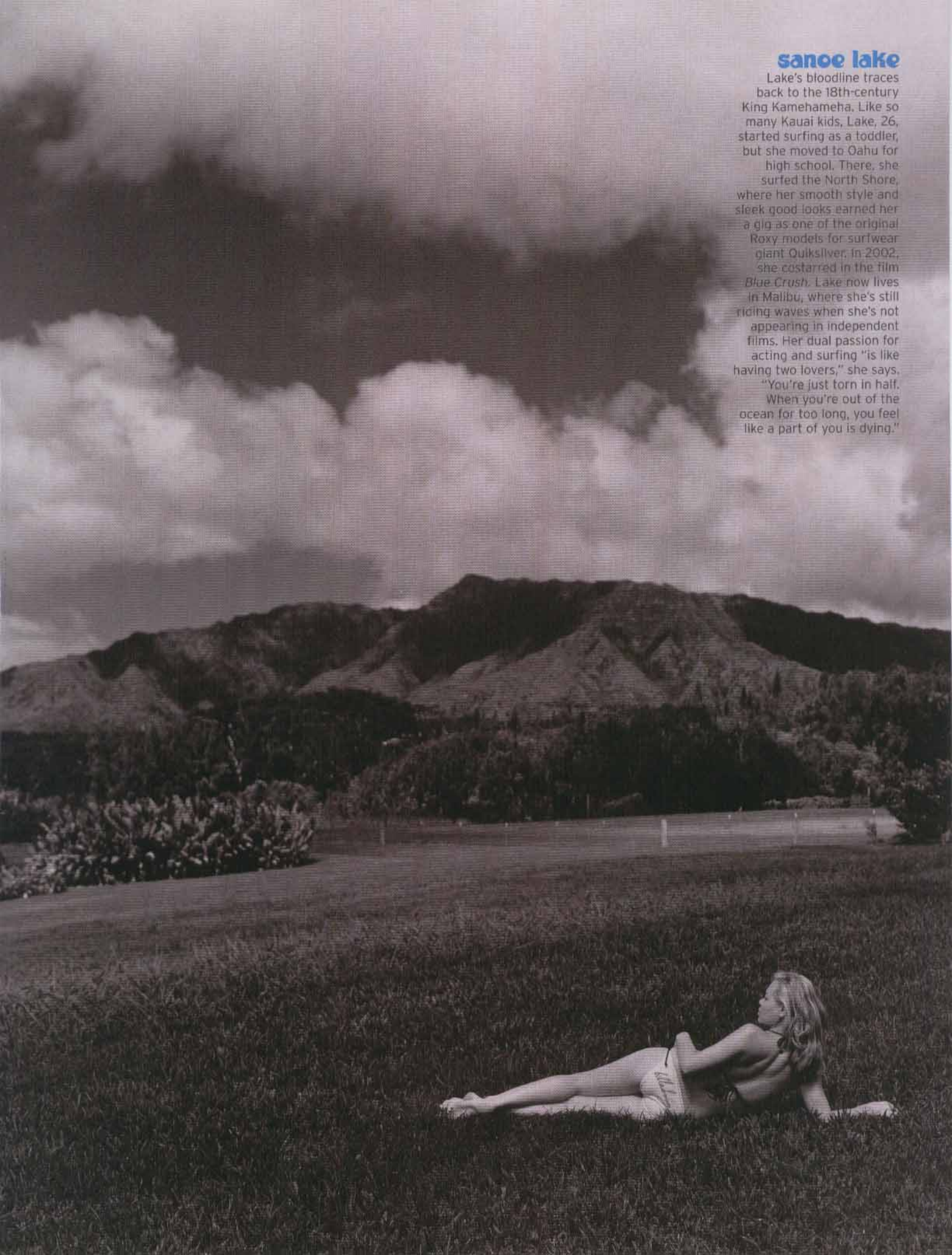


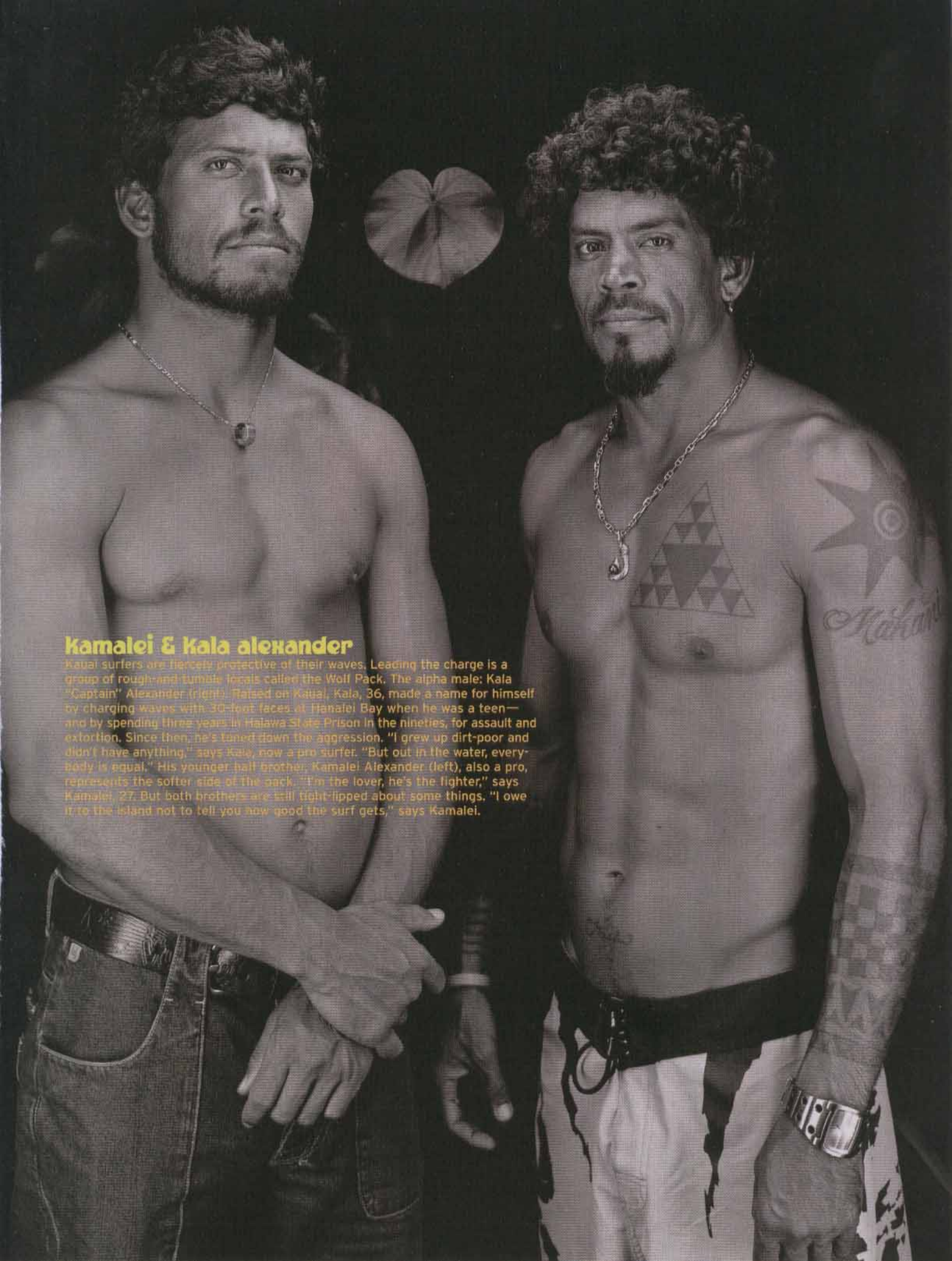
andy irons

Surfing's latest superstar was raised in Hanalei and started riding waves when he was eight. "I spent 90 percent of my childhood at the beach," says the 26-year-old. "In Hanalei, if you're not fishing, you're surfing. And if you're not surfing, you're barbecuing at the beach." This year, in pursuit of his fourth straight world title, Irons will have to hold off his nemesis, six-time champ Kelly Slater. But Irons knows how to escape the drama: "The ocean is so therapeutic," he says, "almost spiritual. Every time I get out of the water, I feel like I'm a better person."

sanoe lake

Lake's bloodline traces back to the 18th-century King Kamehameha. Like so many Kauai kids, Lake, 26, started surfing as a toddler, but she moved to Oahu for high school. There, she surfed the North Shore, where her smooth style and sleek good looks earned her a gig as one of the original Roxy models for surfwear giant Quiksilver. In 2002, she costarred in the film *Blue Crush*. Lake now lives in Malibu, where she's still riding waves when she's not appearing in independent films. Her dual passion for acting and surfing "is like having two lovers," she says. "You're just torn in half. When you're out of the ocean for too long, you feel like a part of you is dying."





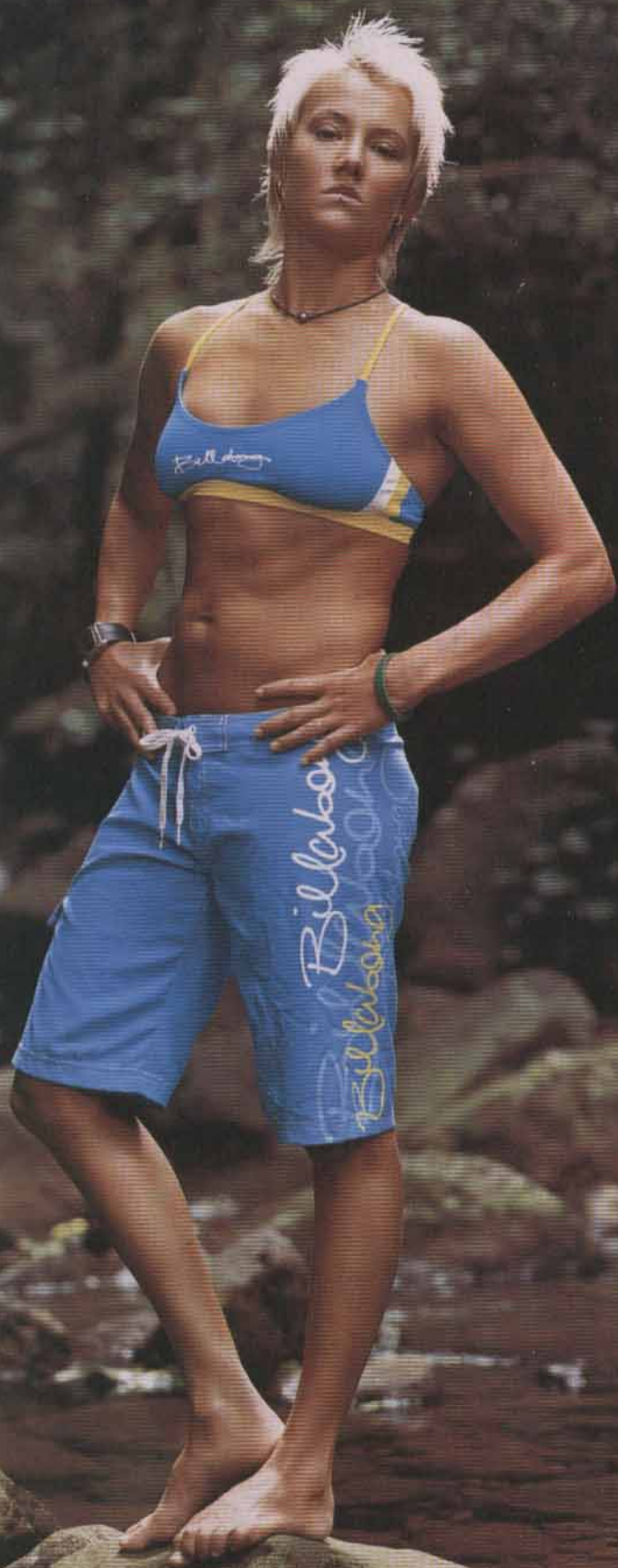
Kamalei & Kala Alexander

Kauai surfers are fiercely protective of their waves. Leading the charge is a group of rough-and-tumble locals called the Wolf Pack. The alpha male: Kala "Captain" Alexander (right). Raised on Kauai, Kala, 36, made a name for himself by charging waves with 30-foot faces at Hanalei Bay when he was a teen—and by spending three years in Hawaii State Prison in the nineties, for assault and extortion. Since then, he's toned down the aggression. "I grew up dirt-poor and didn't have anything," says Kala, now a pro surfer. "But out in the water, everybody is equal." His younger half brother, Kamalei Alexander (left), also a pro, represents the softer side of the pack. "I'm the lover, he's the fighter," says Kamalei, 27. But both brothers are still tight-lipped about some things. "I owe it to the island not to tell you how good the surf gets," says Kamalei.



rick & leila hurst

Rick, 36, created a monster when he introduced his three-year-old daughter to the ocean. By the age of six, Leila was hooked. "I love surfing," she says. "Going down the wave and doing a turn is the best thing ever." The four-foot-nine-inch sixth-grader, now 11, regularly surfs waves with six- to ten-foot faces on a shortboard and is ranked third in the local league, where she competes against—and often beats—boys in the 11-and-under division. Though Rick is an accomplished big-wave rider and tow-in surfer, catching waves with his daughter is his new passion. "I would rather surf with Leila than ride the best waves of any size, anywhere in the world," he says.

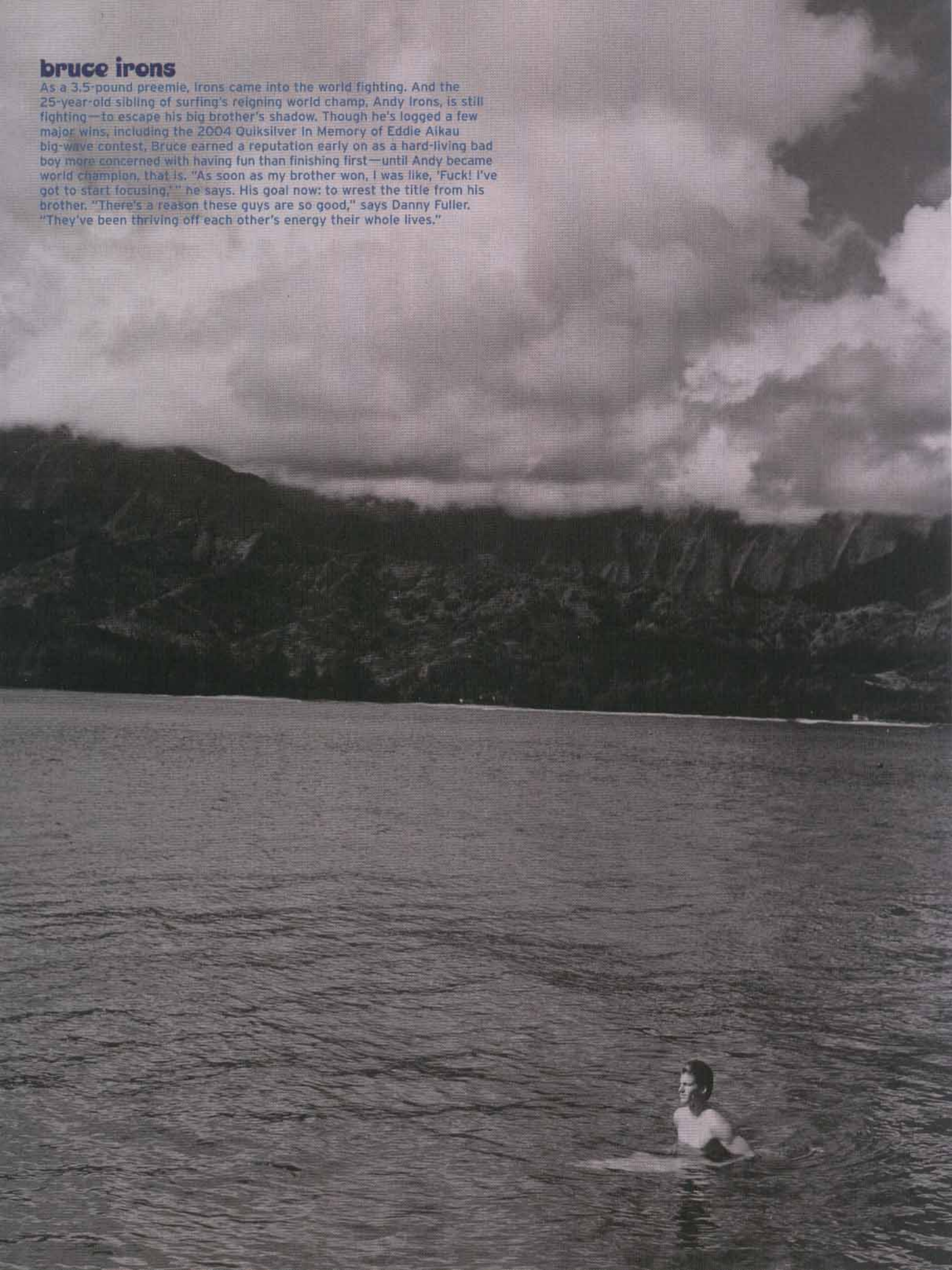


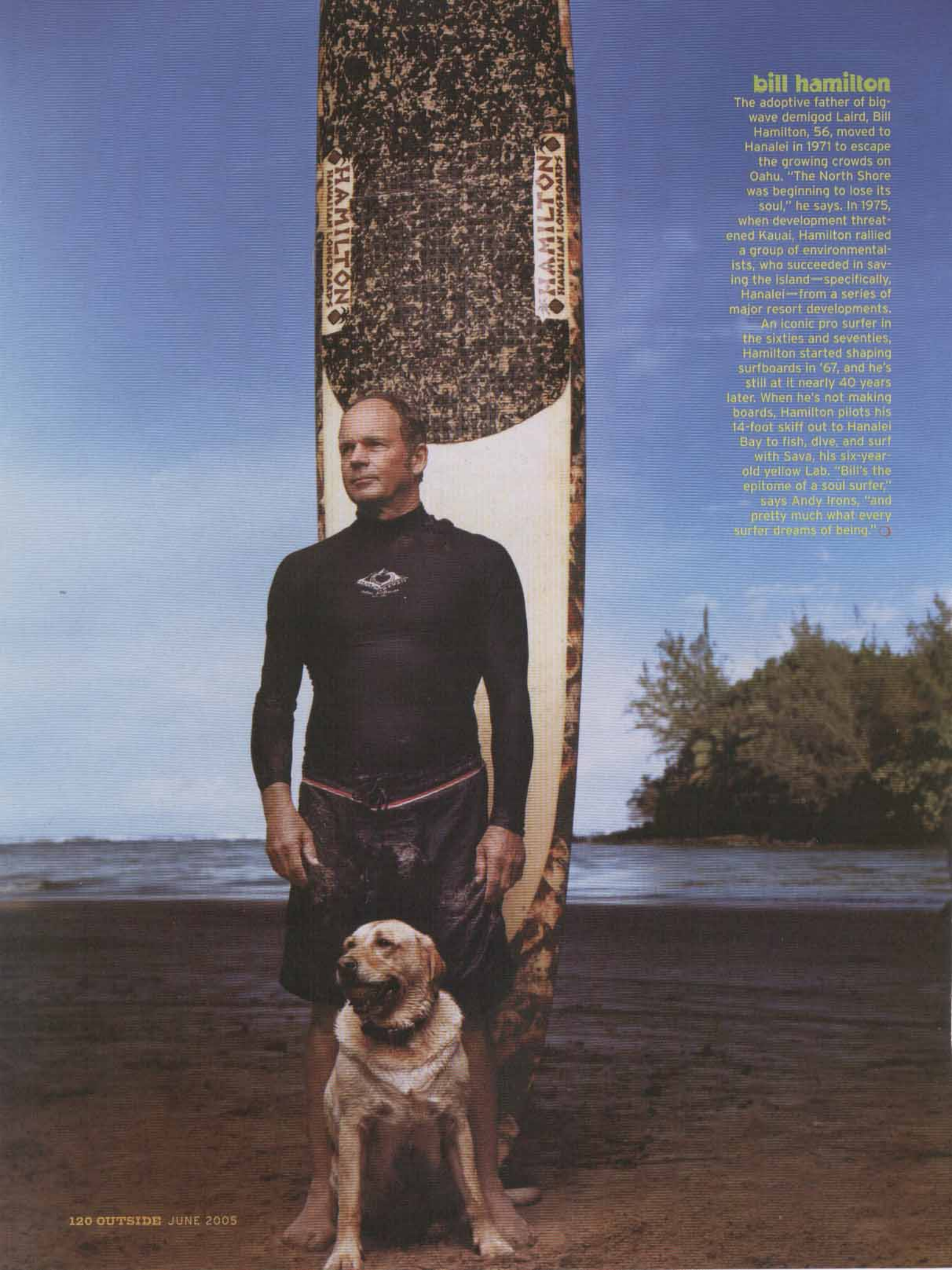
Keala Kennelly

"It must be something in the water," says Kennelly, 26, of her hometown of Hanalei. "The community completely breeds surfers." When she was five, Kennelly got her first board and was soon surfing with childhood friends Andy and Bruce Irons. Given that pedigree—and the fact that big-wave legend Laird Hamilton is her godfather—it's no surprise that the fearless goofy-footer is a four-time winner of the pro contest at Tahiti's Teahupoo, one of the world's most dangerous waves. And Kennelly even has time for an alter ego: When she's not surfing, she's spinning. "DJKK," as she's affectionately known, has a pair of turntables in her apartment near Oahu's Diamond Head that she breaks out at clubs in Honolulu and abroad, when she's traveling on the pro tour.

bruce irons

As a 3.5-pound preemie, Irons came into the world fighting. And the 25-year-old sibling of surfing's reigning world champ, Andy Irons, is still fighting—to escape his big brother's shadow. Though he's logged a few major wins, including the 2004 Quiksilver In Memory of Eddie Aikau big-wave contest, Bruce earned a reputation early on as a hard-living bad boy more concerned with having fun than finishing first—until Andy became world champion, that is. "As soon as my brother won, I was like, 'Fuck! I've got to start focusing,'" he says. His goal now: to wrest the title from his brother. "There's a reason these guys are so good," says Danny Fuller. "They've been thriving off each other's energy their whole lives."





bill hamilton

The adoptive father of big-wave demigod Laird, Bill Hamilton, 56, moved to Hanalei in 1971 to escape the growing crowds on Oahu. "The North Shore was beginning to lose its soul," he says. In 1975, when development threatened Kauai, Hamilton rallied a group of environmentalists, who succeeded in saving the island—specifically, Hanalei—from a series of major resort developments.

An iconic pro surfer in the sixties and seventies, Hamilton started shaping surfboards in '67, and he's still at it nearly 40 years later. When he's not making boards, Hamilton pilots his 14-foot skiff out to Hanalei Bay to fish, dive, and surf with Sava, his six-year-old yellow Lab. "Bill's the epitome of a soul surfer," says Andy Irons, "and pretty much what every surfer dreams of being." □