

tended a memorial service Friday night at a Baptist church for the victims. Ali, one of the speakers, railed against alleged shooter Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez as a "murderer" who committed a "cowardly and cruel" act.

"He shot our Marines and our police officers, shattered the peace of our city, frightened our children," Ali said. "He destroyed the lives of his whole family. He did his best to spread hatred and division. Disgraceful. And we will not let that endure."

As FBI agents served a warrant

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and permit requirements, and many are permitted in the county. The County Council, by resolution, may request that the mayor appoint a committee to review the code each even-numbered year. The committee would report its findings to the mayor, who then forwards them to the County Council for possible amendments.

Crowley said that he invested about \$50,000 to become a taxi

Taxi drivers: 'those guys do absolutely nothing'

Taxi drivers must have cars no more than 10 years old and own or lease a taxi license. Virtually all taxi drivers on Maui own minivans or other vehicles that seat up to seven passengers, which could cost at least \$12,000 used, Crowley said.

Taxi drivers say there are roughly 200 licenses on Maui. One taxicab

Vince Duong, owner of Maui Pleasant Taxi in Lahaina, said that the market price for a taxi license is about \$30,000.

"Guys have been thinking about selling it and driving through Uber," Duong said. "They get the \$30,000



Duong

Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee, said that lawmakers will revisit the bill next session, reintroduce the parts everyone agreed on and build from there.

"Everybody agreed that there needed to be a level playing field," Baker said. "There needs to be regu-

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Molokai man turns his life around



Hawaii Community Foundation photo

Brent Nakihei holds his youngest daughter, Genesis, after graduating from the University of Hawaii program at the Molokai Education Center in 2012. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in social work.

With a little help, Brent Nakihei goes from drug court to drug counselor

By **EILEEN CHAO**
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A Molokai man and former drug dealer turned his life around and is now pursuing his master's degree in social work with some help from a couple who set up a scholarship fund especially for Molokai students.

Born and raised on Molokai, Brent Nakihei remembers that, even at a young age, one of his first household chores was to water marijuana plants.

"I grew up around drugs and alcohol, my family was messed up," Nakihei acknowledges. He got caught up in the lifestyle and, in 2003, was arrested and convicted of drug distribution crimes and sent to

Halawa Correctional Facility on Oahu.

It was there that he renewed his faith in God and turned over a new leaf. He was paroled in 2004 to the Hale Ho'okupa'a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program on his home island, from which he graduated after nine months. He did so well in the program that the executive director suggested he pursue a career in drug counseling, but "social work wasn't even a thought in my mind" at that time, Nakihei said.

"I grew up a farmer ... so I got a job with Monsanto. I was sitting in the middle of the cornfield in the hot, hot sun one day and I said to myself, 'I know there's something better than this.' Then, education popped into my mind," he said.

He registered for classes at the Molokai Education Center campus of the University of Hawaii Maui College. Three months into his schooling, he bumped into the Hale Ho'okupa'a executive director

again and she, upon learning that he was taking classes, offered him an internship.

"I got out of the cornfields and came into an air-conditioned office. I love it here," Nakihei said, chalking up his success to his decision to pursue schooling. "I started going to school in 2006, and I didn't stop. I'm still going today."

Nakihei is finishing the last semester of his master's program in social work via the University of Hawaii's satellite program, which allows him to complete his courses remotely from Molokai. He also works part time as a certified substance abuse counselor for Hale Ho'okupa'a at Molokai Intermediate and High School.

Over the last decade, he's racked up a long resume — in 2009, he received his associate's degree in substance abuse counseling and general human service and, in 2013, he re-

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Hawai'i Community Foundation photo

Former Molokai residents Adeline and Teruo Ogawa lived and worked at the Kalaupapa settlement for more than 40 years. Upon their deaths, they donated most of their estate to help students on the island achieve higher education through scholarship and support programs.

Scholarship

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ceived his bachelor's degree in social science with a minor in criminal justice from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Nakihei said that he owes his success to the strength of his wife, his family and the scholarships he's received which covered the majority of his tuition expenses.

"Especially being on Molokai, we pretty much pay the highest (prices for) food, gas, a gallon of milk is almost \$12. Any financial assistance is a good thing, and the scholarships helped me a lot," he said.

Since 2007, Nakihei has received 16 scholarship awards totaling \$32,500 from the Hawaii Community Foundation. The nonprofit is the third largest private provider of scholarships in the state, doling out about \$4.5 million in scholarships every year through various funds established by donors from the community.

Nakihei became the first person to receive a scholarship from a fund established last year by Teruo and Adeline Kaohu Ogawa. The Ogawas had lived and worked at the Kalaupapa settlement on Molokai for four decades and, in that time, developed a love for the people of the island, according to the foundation. Adeline Ogawa died at

"A couple saves their entire lives to create a legacy for future generations, and a young man comes out of the darkness made possible by the generosity of others. That is how we build a better Hawaii, and that is how we amplify the power of giving."

— Kelvin Taketa,
HCF president and CEO

go to college."

Marble said Nakihei is an "amazing gentleman" who has become an inspiration to his four daughters and granddaughter.

Nakihei added his wife, Amber, to the list of people who are now pursuing post-secondary education. She recently received scholarship money to pursue a degree in business administration.

When asked if he had a message for others on Molokai for whom higher education may seem out of reach, Nakihei said, "My message would be to believe in yourself and remember where you came from."

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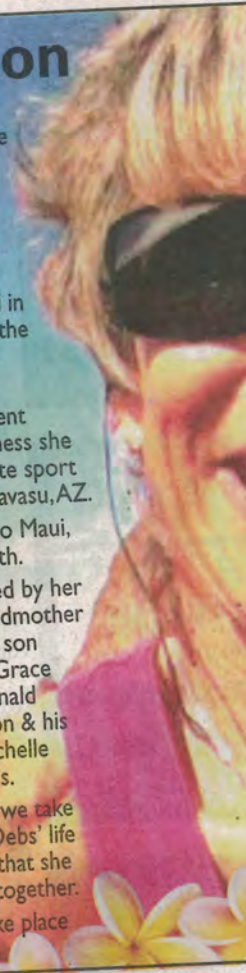
The Robison Klonoski family in deep sorrow, wishes to announce the sudden & tragic death in a road accident, of their beloved Deb & her spouse Laurence Smith.

From the very beginning of her life to the very end she had a spirit that soared with the love of life. An accomplished athlete with a love of the ocean she fished with her dad & paddled the Molokai Channel with her paddling family. Although she excelled in most sports, cycling was her passion & held the honor of being the only woman from Hawaii to finish in the top 20 States National Competition in preparation for the Olympics.

Wherever Deb turned her talents she did it with full commitment including the beautiful pottery she created, the honey bee business she once had & during the last part of her life promoting her favorite sport through hers & Larrys' AZ BUILT SPORTS bike shop in Lake Havasu, AZ. Raised on Oahu, graduate of Kalani High School, later moving to Maui, her last home was in Havasu AZ, with her soul mate Larry Smith.

Our beloved Deb was predeceased by her beloved dad Jerry Robison & grandmother Hilda Richardson & leaves behind son Gregory Kekai Robison, mother Grace Robison Klonoski, step father Ronald Klonoski, brother Michael Robison & his spouse Gwenn, nieces Nina & Richelle Robison & many more loved ones.

Although her life ended too soon we take comfort in the knowledge that Deb's life was brimming with happiness & that she & her soul mate will forever be together. Celebration of life in Maui to take place at a later date.



land, according to the foundation. Adeline Ogawa died at the age of 96 on Nov. 7, 2013, and her husband Teruo, 96, died just two weeks later. The Ogawas donated their assets to set up two scholarship funds for Molokai students — one that offers funds directed at supporting high school students and another that provides scholarships for Molokai students to attend college.

"They were a couple that were just really everyday people (who) grew to love the people on Molokai," HCF spokeswoman Lynelle Marble said. "They never had the money to go to college, and they saw the challenges that youth on the island had there, so . . . they wanted to be able to provide resources for students on Molokai who want to

where you came from."

HCF President and Chief Executive Officer Kelvin Taketa celebrated Nakihei's accomplishments during the foundation's Maui donor event this month.

"Two stories, two families, living on a small island probably less than a few miles apart," Taketa said. "A couple saves their entire lives to create a legacy for future generations, and a young man comes out of the darkness made possible by the generosity of others. That is how we build a better Hawaii, and that is how we amplify the power of giving."

For more information on scholarship opportunities, go to www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/scholarships.

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Hospital auxiliary group donates bedside tables

The Maui Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary recently donated 100 new bedside tables that have been installed in five different units throughout the hospital, according to a news release.

"We look for ways to help that will have a direct impact on our patients and their families, whether it's with new technological equipment, blanket warmers or wheelchairs, the bottom line is that it has to improve our patients' time with us," auxiliary President Amy Hanlon said in a statement.

The MMMC Auxiliary supports the hospital's mission of providing the highest-quality medical services, while lending time and energy as volunteers to the hospital staff and patients, according to the release. The 55 active members provide nearly 10,000 hours of service in 14 hospital departments. Auxiliary members hold the annual Harvest Sale, manage the hospital gift shop and help with other fundraising initiatives.

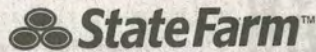
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