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**Linguist created
China's Pinyin
writing system**

Associated Press

BEIJING>> Zhou Youguang, considered the father of modern China's Pinyin Romanization system, has died at the age of 111.

Born in 1906 during the Qing Dynasty, Zhou passed away at his home in Beijing on Saturday, one day after celebrating his birthday.

Zhou moved to the U.S. as a young man and worked as a banker on Wall Street. Returning to China after the communist victory in 1949, he was put in charge of a committee working on a new system to allow Chinese characters to be converted into Roman script. Pinyin was later adopted by the communist People's Republic and now has largely become the global standard.

In his later years, Zhou became a government critic, penning a number of books, most of which were banned.

**Hunting good for
ecosystem, families**

I am thoroughly appalled by a letter-writer's malicious depiction of hunting ("State's promotion of hunting disturbing," Star-Advertiser, Letters, Dec. 30).

Would he rather see mass starvation of animals because the land's carrying capacity is over its limit? For several generations my family has hunted responsibly, helping to manage introduced game species for the good of Hawaii's habitat.

Ka 'ike a ka makua he hei na ke keiki. All that I know of hunting I learned from those older than me.

He should know that family-oriented hunting creates precious memories and stronger bonds, not only between immediate family but with others in the hunting community.

The social aspects of hunting go far beyond the hunt itself. When we prepare the meat and share it with friends and family, it brings people together.

While my family and I eat free-range, non-GMO venison burgers, others eat hormone-injected beef from a cruelty-ridden, mainland slaughterhouse.

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