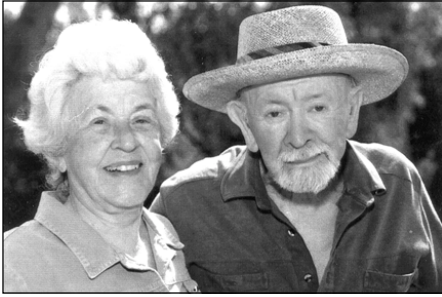


## NAMES IN THE NEWS

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**Elwood and Betty Buffa** pass along the following holiday greeting: "Just a note to let you know we are still here. . . . Many activities are now curtailed, but we

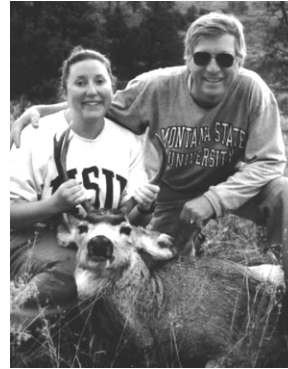
still enjoy our friends and family, music, our home and garden. It is the time to reminisce about the wonderful things that have happened over the years and a time to remember the wonderful people who have added so much to our lives. We are grateful for it all."

**Jagannathan V. Iyengar**, The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, was a Senior Faculty Fellow at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)-Langley Research Center during June-August of 2000. At NASA, Dr. Iyengar conducted research in the area of "The Influence of Risk on Aviation Weather Information Systems."

**Cliff T. Ragsdale** recently received a grant for \$200,000 from Dominion Energy, Inc. in Glen Allen, Virginia, to found and direct The Dominion Center for Energy Modeling and Optimization at Virginia Tech. The Dominion Center's mission is to

conduct research on business techniques, technologies, and strategies to address current and emerging challenges in the deregulated energy marketplace.

**J. P. Shim, Kirk Arnett, and Charles Litecky**, Mississippi State University, were awarded the National Science Foundation Information Technology Research grant. The research is related to development and expansion of research, training, and education in e-business and telecommunications.



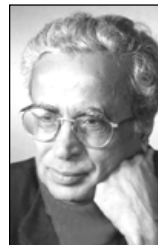
**Shannon Taylor**, Montana State University, poses with his oldest daughter, Quinn, and her first deer from a hunting trip in eastern Montana this fall. Quinn, who is majoring in business and serves in the National Guard, is taking a class from her proud dad this semester.

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### IN MEMORIAM

## Venkatakrishna V. (Kris) Bellur, April 6, 1934 - November 3, 2000

**Venkatakrishna V. Bellur (Kris)**, who dedicated his teaching career to helping students excel and explore their potential, died November 3, 2000, of a massive heart attack. Dr. Bellur, 66, was a professor of marketing at California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB), for the past 13 years. During his academic career of over 30 years, he published more than 200 articles and papers in journals and conferences, as well as published several textbooks. At CSUB, he was the director of the Marketing Institute and served as a visiting professor of finance and economics at The University in Chengdu and Sichuan Univer-



sity (China). As a member of the Decision Sciences Institute, Kris was serving as a member of the 1999-2001 Publications Committee and had previously served on the Nominating Committee, Strategic Planning for International Affairs Committee, and, for the Western Region, as President, Regionally-Elected Vice President, Program Chairperson, and member of the Regional Activities Committee, as well as annual meeting track chair. The Bellur family requests that memorial donations be made to the V.V. "Kris" Bellur Scholarship Fund (checks may be made payable to CSUB in Bellur's name). ■