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rostitution in Twin Falls

police, but the interstate system in the Magic Valley brings with it human and drug trafficking across our borders.

BY ALISON GENE SMITH

TWIN FALLS • Across the country this week, during a three-day FBI sweep, police arrested 150 pimps and rescued 105 children who had been forced into prostitution.

While there were no Idaho ar-rests, local investigators say they know human trafficking happens

here.

The Magic Valley lies along a main corridor of the interstate system, which means drugs and humans are being trafficked across

our borders.
Prostitution arrests are fairly rare in Twin Falls, and detectives with local police and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office say they haven't seen a case of child prostitution in their careers.
In many local cases, women who

may or may not have a pimp come into town, advertise they're at a ho-tel, then move on, said sheriff's Lt. Perry Barnhill.

"I wish we could look into it more," Barnhill said. "I think we could find out a lot more about it." The sheriff's office was extreme-ly productive in its Rock Creek Park sting operation last summer, he said.

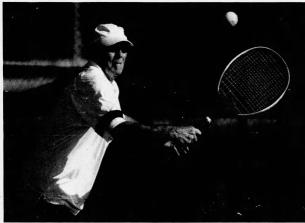
We were there for a short time and had two customers right away."
Barnhill said deputies could stand to do more operations, but the time it takes to set them up is

a roadblock.
"It is solely time and manpower,"
he said. "It's not a funding issue."
The sheriff's office and police
monitor free classified websites,
such as Craigslist and Backpage,
for posts about possible prostitution

Those sites usually contain con-tact information police try to use, Barnhill said.

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SKILLED SENIOR



Emery Petersen plays tennis with friends on Friday at the College of Southern Idaho tennis courts in Twin Falla Petersen just came back from winning the National Senior Games in Cleveland, where he and his tennis double partner took first in their age category.

Octogenarian Twin Falls tennis player wins at National Senior Games.

BY TETONA DUNLAR

TWIN FALLS • Emery Petersen isn't

TWIN FALLS - Emery Petersen isn't much for bragging.
If you ask about his recent title win, don't expect a long answer.
Petersen and his doubles partner, Jack Largent, of Las Vegas, Nev., recently yon first place in tennis in the 80 - to 84-year-old category at the 2013 National Senior Games.
The pair had to qualify to compete at the games, held July 19 to Aug. 1 in Cleveland.
The nonprofit National Senior

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Games are designed to motivate healthy
lifestyles among adults 50 and older
This year's event drew 10,800 contestants in 19 sporting events. Competitors
must qualify the year before through
NSGA-sanctioned state qualifying

Is tennis player wins at N

Just before the national contest, Petersen and Largent won in their age category at a tennis fournament sponsored
by Nike in Portland, Ore.

"It does not mean we are the best in
the U.S," Petersen said.

But ask those who play wish Petersen,
and they might say it does make him
one of the best.

"It's quite an accomplishment," said
Ann Vogt, Magic Valley area league coordinator for the Idaho Tennis Associaino. "He's our hero in the tennis world."

Vog ti sa tennis coach at Twin Falls
High and coordinates the summer
league for the Magic Valley Tennis Team
on which Petersen plays.

"Not only does he whip us all, he's
wice our age," Vogt said. "He beats the
high school kids. These kids could lean
aloft from Emery."

Petersen and Largent are ranked fifth
nationally in their age division, accord-

National Senior Games, ing to the U.S. Tennis Association. Petersen, 80, oxid it's the highest ranking he has reached since he resurrected his love for tennis almost 4 years ago and started pursuing it seriously 15 years ago. He first picked up a ball and racket when he was a student at Twin Falls High. There wasn't much for a tennis team, he said. They didn't even have a coach.

"The basketball coach would come around once a week and ask, 'How you guys doing?" Petersen said.

After high school, he played now and then. But between college, work and life, there wasn't much time.

It was when he retired in 1908 and started spending, winters in Palm Desert, Calif., that Petersen starting becoming a fixture at tennis tournaments. Over the past 15 years, he has competed

MANSHOTIN TWIN FALLS

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • A man is in

TWIN FALLS - A man is in the hospital with non-life threatening injuries after getting shot at the River-crest Apartments in Twin Falls Friday night.
According to Staff Sgt. Mike Covington, with the Twin Falls Police Department, a male was injured in a shooting at apartment #204 at Rivercrest Apartments at building 2029 in Twin Falls. Twin Falls.
The injured man was

transported to St. Luke's Magic Valley in an ambu-lance with non-life threat

lance with non-life threatening injuries, according to
Sgt. Covington.
Police have no approximate age of the male
injured.
According to Sgt. Covington, the man shot was
able to walk down the
stairs near his apartment
under his own power.
At press time, there were
at least five police vehicles
at the scene. The incident
is still under investigation.

Firefighters Control Most of This Week's Area Wildfires

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • All 17 wildfires that burst across south-central Idaho Wednesday evening are expected to have been suppressed by today. The blazes started by Wednesday's lightning

The blazes started by Wednesday's lightning storm scorched more than 20,700 acres. Most of the wildfires sparked in remote areas, causing few structures to be threatened by flames. The public's quick response to report the fires helped keep damage to a minimum. Cooler weather Thursday

inight added firefighters in put-ting out many of the active fires. As of Priday, firefighters had controlled the Coonskin, Crows Nest, Buck Flat, Mil-and, 3 Well, Red Bridge, Red Bridge, 2 and Black Ridge fires. Two more are expected to be controlled today: The Southeast Red Bridge Fire, about 4 miles east of Notch Butte, stretching south toward Eden, was con-tained Priday.

The 4,240-acre Cinder Road Fire, 14 miles northeast of Hazelton, also was con-tained Friday.

Twin Falls Chobani Plant Wins Design-Build Award Page A3.

WinCo Model Setting New Grocery Industry Standard

BOISE (AP) • About once a month, Burt Flickinger III walks into a WinCo supermarket and stares down the "Wall of Values" • a trademark wall-to-wall display just inside WinCo entrances that catches customers' eyes with marked-down crackers, cannels oup, boxed pasta or s'mores sumplies

down crackers, canned soup, boxed pasta or s'mores supplies. Flickinger lingers in the store and talks to everyone he can. He asks vendors for intimate details about WinCo. He gets the dirt on its discount structure. And when the New York-based retail analyst, who specializes in the art of grocery, heads back to the

East Coast and talks with university students, he'll use Win-Co Foods as a case study in shrewd retailing.

"WinCo arguably may be the best retailer in the Western U.S.," he says.

Tell us how you really feel, Flickinger.

Tell us how you really feel, Flickinger. "WinCo is really unstoppable at this point." One more time? "They're Wal-Mart's worst nightmare."

gntmare. In his career of touring retail-In his career of touring retainers, Flickinger says he found one comparable business when it comes to employees, efficiency, customer service and sanitation. It's called Pak'N Save. It's in New Zealand.

Flickinger is far from the only

fan of the Boise-based company. Its lack of a membership fee for access to lower-priced goods made it popular enough to grow from a single store on Overland Road east of Orchard Street in 1967 into a regional chain with about \$5.5 billion in sales last year, making it one of Idaho's largest for-profit companies.

Win Co. base almost \$15.000.

companies.
WinCo has almost 15,000 employees and close to 100 stores open or coming soon. It has two stores opening in 2014 in the Dallas- Fort Worth area and plans additional locations in Texas, its latest conquest.
The company is privately held and doesn't disclose profitis. It keeps a low profile and Please see WINCO, A7



at a WinCo super arket on July 1 in B

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conditions when you left your previous home: Are you ever physically restrained? When someone locks you in a room, who holds the key? Are you allowed to move about in public without being watched? Are you allowed to go buy things on your own?

"If we get straight an

"If we get straight an-swers, we can find out if we have a pimp," Wilson said. Straight answers are of-ten difficult to get, whether out of fear or because the people don't consider themselves victims.



Norm Coon, left, collects tennis balls with Emery Petersen on Friday after a weekly tennis match in Twin Falls

Petersen

in at least eight tournaments

a year.
Petersen said Southern
California and Florida are
the best places for seniors
who play tennis because
they have so many tournaments and leagues. During
the summer, he lives in his
hometown of Twin Falls.

"I've developed some skills," Petersen said between pick-up games with friends Friday at the College of Southern Idaho courts. The group meets to play every Wednesday morning. "I picked up some things that have helped me a lot, but I'm obviously slowing down," Petersen said. Tom Schmidt of Twin Falls was Petersen's doubles partner 12 years ago.

Schmidt also plays every Wednesday. "Emery's been winning doubles teams the last 40 years," Schmidt said. "He's al-ways been a part of the win-ning team?"

At one point, the two were ranked in the top 10 in Idaho, he said. So what makes Petersen so good?

"He has the best strokes and is extra quick at the net.

And even at the age of 80, he is still quick at the net," Schmidt said. "At the same tim, e he's been such a humble, wonderful guy and role model for the rest of us."

Ask Petersen, and his response is: I'm really good at choosing a partner.

Assassing a partner.
Win or lose, he said, the real reason he still plays is because it's a fun workout.
"It's a real lifetime sport," Petersen said.

memselves victims.

"She may in her mind think that she's doing this willingly, but an underage girl can't consent? Wilson said. "They may view the person controlling themas an ally or friend and the police as an adversary."

Police often are given fake names or birthdates, and building trust is a process, he said.
"Then we start getting into the runaways," Barnhill said. "They get into the

wrong crowd, and the next thing you know they're turning tricks." That might sound like exaggeration, but the U.S. Department of justice estimates that nearly 450,000 children run away from home-each year, and one-third of teens living on the street will be lured into prostitution into grow thin 48 hours of leaving home. "One of our bigger hurdles is our officers just aren't faced with this call a lot," Wilson said. "After doing some investigations once or twice, they have an idea of what questions to ask." "We call the mmber and find where the person is, if the call is returned," said police \$gt, John Wilson. When police \$gt to the location, they try to assess what's really going on. They ask about what they call freedom of movement: Are you allowed to come and go as you please? Do you live and work in the same place? What were the conditions when you left your previous home: Are

toda of what questions to asak?

Local law enforcement has assisted other agencies, including in Portland, Ore, Wilsons said.

Portland police asked "Win Falls officers to verify information from a victim of prostitution who said she'd been in Twin Falls. Police were able to contact hotels where the victim had stayed and a mechanic where the woman said she'd taken a car.

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"People in Twin Falls are hopefully aware that if a crime happens in Salt Lake or Portland or Los Angeles, it can also happen in Twin Falls," Wilson said. "People need to be aware that these crimes do occur and that because we're a sma're community, we're not insmune."

The Associated Press contributed to this report

WinCo

narely engages in self-promo-tion. But WinCo spokesman Mike Read recently shared some facts with *The Idaho Statesman's* Business Insider. So did Flickinger, whose family founded WinCo part-ner Federated Foods, though he now has no financial or

family founded WinCo part-ner Federated Foods, though he now has no financial or personal ties to WinCo.

WinCo is owned by that stockperson who tells you where to find the blueberries, and by its executives.
That wasn't always true.
Ralph Ward and Bud Williams, two Idaho busi-nessmen, started a discount warehouse in lose and called it Waremart. Their store mul-tiplied into several in the Northwest. Their company added another banner, Cub Foods, to some offits stores. Former CEO Bill Long joined the company, in was struggling.
"We were opening stores and closing just as many stores," Long said in a 2007 Idaho Statesman profile of the company.

Idaho Statesman profile of the company.

The chain as we know it to-day started in 1985. That's when Long and other employees negotiated a buyout, making it an employee-owned company. At the time, WinCo had 18 stores selling 5187 million ayear—less than 511 million for the average store. Now it's closer to \$55 million per store, and some new stores are headed for \$75 million or more per year, Flickinger says.

million or more per year, Flickinger says. It donned the name Win-Co, short for "Winning Com-pany," companywide in 1999. The board picked the name from more than 5,000 pitched

by employees.
WinCo's current president
and CEO is Steven Goddard.
He took over from Long in

2007, when annual sales were about \$3 billion across more than 50 stores.

• Some of those employee owners have plump pensions. Especially those who got in on the ground floor. People who work at WinCo long enough will qualify for a pension that gives them a slice of WinCo's fortune. The company pours an amount equal to 20 percent of an employee's total yearly pay into a pension plan. The value of the shares in those retirement accounts has been appreciating, on average, at 20 percent a year since 1985, Read says. More than 400 employees Read refers to as "front-line" employees – produce clerks, cashiers and other nonexecutives – have retirement accounts worth at least \$1 million, be says. Flickinger says WinCo workers tend to stick around. His company, Strategic Resource Group, estimates the average WinCo hourly worker in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah and California stays with the company for more than eight years.

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• WinGo saves money, and makes money, by cutting out the middleman. Grocery stores traditionally rely on distributors to get their products. WinGo has a different approach — one that uses a few strategies to keep prices low without eroding profil.

The company will send a truck of its own to a manufacturer's plant and stuff it with pallets of cherries, Pruti by the Foot, Hamburger Helper or Betty Crocker cake mix. Buying a mountainous quantity of one item yields WinCoo a specialprice that can amount to a 10 percent to 50 percent discount, Flickinger says. The manufacturer also rewards WinCo for saving it the hassle and cost of loading and delivering the product by giving

WinCoa hauling fee of \$150 to \$250 per shipment, he says. At the same time, having just four distribution and storage centers, with trucks going straight to stores, means WinCodoesn't have the overhead of several people unloading trucks and stocking smaller warehouses, and store employees spending time constantly checking and reordering inventory. Instead, the cake mix goes straight to a store to be stacked in an aisle. The company also trains its eyes on promotionally priced items from manufacturers. WinCo opened some Artizona stores recently. Flickinger says he visited them at 7 a.m., around the same time he visited some nearby Wal-Mart stores. The vendor-"Hold mart stores. The vendor-"Hold mart stores of the same time he close the wind in the proposed some Artizona stores. The vendor-"Hold mart stores. The vendor-"Hold mart stores of the same time he close the same time he close the same time he close to object some part of the big brands compared to the closest Wal-Mart Supercenter."

• It saves money at the register.

It saves inning at ne rego-ter. WinCo requires customers to bug their own groceries – ideally, while the easther is running the liters through checkout – to cut down on labor costs. Its checkout stands have two lanes, mean-ing one shopper can finish bagging her groceries without slowing down the guy in line behind her. The stores take no credit cards – just debit, cash and checks. That eliminates the fees card processors charge merchants.

fees card processors charge merchants. WinCo's checkout stands, and everything else for that matter, lack frills. They're pragmatic, not pretty. "Our stores, though we think they're nice-looking, they're not filled with alot of fixturing," Read says, "Wekep them clean and easy" floanwigate.

WinCo runs on cash, not

 WinCo runs on cash, not debt.
 The company's expansion into seven Western states has been funded mostly by its cash flow, Read says. "We don't have much leverage right now," he says.
 Flickinger adds that Win-Co's real estate team has leveraged the real estate cash, and the economy to help it expand. Instead of always building new warehouses, WinCo ing new warehouses, WinCo has swooped in on abandoned or vacant Home Depots or other big-box stores.

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The company has challenges, but they renot unique. Read says the federal health-reform law is having "an impact on us, and not necessarily a good one," because of changes such as having to cover employees' children up to age 26 and eliminating lifetime coverage caps. The company provides full medical benefits for employees who average at least 24 hours per week, which is beyond the requirements for a business of its size in the Affordable Care Act.

Other possible legislative changes – labels having to say whether foods contain genetically modified products, for example – would add "an awfull of octost" to WinCo's business, he says.

awful lot of costs" to WinCo's business, he says. Flickinger says WinCo's growth and the newly reunit-ed Albertsons chain offer a "dual benefit for Idaho!" Boise-based Albertsons is "solidified," while WinCo's growth is explosive, he says. If WinCo stays on its trajec-tory for 21 of Sywars he provis

If WinCo stays on its trajec-tory for 12 to 15 years, he proj-ects WinCo will have higher sales volume than Albertsons did at its peak. "WinCo is really accelerat-ing its growth significantly!" Flickinger says. "You can see WinCo doubling in size every five to seven years... No one can compete against them ef-fectively.

Idaho Law on Prostitution

In Idaho, paying a person younger than 18 for sexual contact carries a penalty of up to life in prison. Paying means exchanging anything of value, which can include cash, food, shelter, clothing, medical care or gang membership. Anyone who induces a minor to engage in prostitution faces the same penalty. Trafficking in adult prostitutes, pimping and many other adult prostitution faces the same penalty protection of the prostitution of the pro

Twin Falls Prostitution Cases:

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- Brittnay Watson, a 23 year old Portland woman, was cited for prostitution. She was fined about \$400 and given a year of unsupervised probation.

- Shaymeka Monk, Janita Lynn Hammond and Charles Crockett all were arrested on prostitution related charges. Monk's prostitution charge was reduced to aid, mig in a misdemeanor. Crockett's two counts of interestate trafficking were dismissed. A warnant was issued for Hammond for failing to appear in court on her prostitution charge, and the case was dismissed for inactivity.

- Christopher Kent Teague and Stormie Todd for prostitution related charges. Their charges also were dismissed.

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- During a sheriff's undercover sting at Rock Creek,
Zachary Williamson, 25, and Billy Turpin, 78, were cited for soliciting a prostitute, and Ert-Rulen Boldt, 29, was ar rested after allegedly offering the undercover officer a marijuana cigarette.

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- Sun Do Chong and Myeong Sook Mickley were arrested on prositiution charges while they worked at Osaka Massage and Spa in Twin Falls. Chong pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a fine and community service. Mickley and Chong allegedly told police an Asian woman in New York instructed them to come to Twin Falls. Another Asian woman came once a month to pick up "house morp" and \$2,000 rent, Chong allegedly told police in court records.



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Trial Ordered for 2 Men in Missing Mom Case

MOSCOW (AP) • An Idaho judge has ordered two Moscow men to stand trial in the death of the estranged wife of one of the suspects even though her body has not been found.

On Thursday, 2nd District Magistrate John C, Judge made his rulling after determining during a preliminary hearing that there was probable cause to try Charles A. Capone, 52, and David C. Stone, 49.

The men are charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in the death of

Capone's estranged wife, Rachael Anderson. They are also charged with failure to notify a coroner or police about a death. Anderson, a mother of four,

Anderson, a mother of four, was last seen three years ago and her body has not been found. She is presumed dead, Judge acknowledged the case against both men is complex but evidence presented during the hearing was significant enough to take the case to a jury.

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Judge cited testimony alleging the crime occurred in Capone's auto mechanic

shop, where Anderson was last seen. Evidence also showed her blood was found on documents inside the ve-

son documents inside the ve-ment of the desired and the desired and the desired and the desired and the desired decomposing human flesh in-side Anderson of the desired and the desired and early the desired decomposing human flesh in-side Anderson so whiche. Latah County Prosecutor William Thompson Jr. said the case is based on circumstan-tial evidence and it's compilicated because the body is not available.

"Typically we know the use of death," Thompson Jr.

case than this court has ever seen."

Capone is alleged to have formed a pact with Stone, in which both men conspired to kill their wives and cover up the crimes, starting with Anderson. Defense attorney Mark Monson, who represents Capone, argued there was no evidence of her death in Jatah County or the state of Idaho. "At the end of the day, we're left with seculation and con-left with seculation and con-