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NASH RANCH’S HAUNTED HOUSE ATTRACTION

## Appeal gets squashed

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Greg Hawes sounded apologetic after Shasta County planning commissioners rejected his appeal to Nash Ranch’s plans to bring its annual haunted house attraction into compliance. Hawes, who owns and operates His-

toric Hawes Farms, which also has a haunted house and pumpkin patch, told a Record Searchlight reporter he was glad commissioners unanimously denied his appeal at the Dec. 11 meeting. “I feel bad, but I don’t know what else to do,” Hawes said. During and after the meeting, Hawes said his appeal to Shasta County Resource Director Sean Ewing’s decision

to grant Nash Ranch an administrative permit to operate its haunted house if certain conditions are met was not an attempt to shut down the attraction. “I’m not asking for you guys to deny this because nobody’s here to hurt Bob (Nash). It’s mainly to make sure the county does equal application of the

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## Why so many marijuana busts on I-5?

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Some of the biggest illegal marijuana transports in the coastal United States are passing through Shasta and Siskiyou counties, according to law enforcement. That’s because Interstate 5 is a popular route for moving illegal marijuana products and plants between California’s Central Valley and Northern Oregon and Washington. “Drugs move north and the money goes south,” said Shasta County Sheriff’s Lt. Chris Van Eyck, who oversees the county’s marijuana eradication team. However, “there is some marijuana that moves from Oregon to California.” Siskiyou County deputies reported two of the biggest busts during Thanksgiving week traffic stops, and other large illegal marijuana transports during the summer harvesting season. “Criminal networks rely on Interstate 5 for a wide array of illegal activities trafficking people, money, drugs or weapons across state and international borders, which brings sizable criminal enterprises to rural counties such as Siskiyou. In fact, the bulk of our major narcotics seizures occur along Interstate 5 or (Highway) 97,” said Siskiyou County Sheriff’s Office spokesperson Sage Milestone. But a federal program to fund grants for Siskiyou, Shasta, Trinity and other law enforcement agencies battling illegal drug pipelines could lose some funding in 2026, depending on Congress’ final federal budget plan.

Some of the North State’s biggest illegal marijuana busts of 2025 happened along I-5

Two of the North State’s biggest illegal marijuana busts during routine traffic stops the week of Thanksgiving, according to Milestone. When deputies stopped a rented box truck for a lighting violation at Grenada — located on the interstate approximately 11 miles south of Yreka — they found more than 1,429 pounds of illegal marijuana products stowed in 62 trash bags in the truck. The 43-year-old driver from Willits allegedly

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## Police arrest son in Reiners’ deaths



Actor-director Rob Reiner and his wife, film producer Michele Singer Reiner, were married in 1989 and had three children together. The couple was found dead in their Los Angeles home Dec. 14. KENT NISHIMURA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## Actor-director and film producer found dead in apparent homicide

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Police have arrested Nick Reiner, the son of actor-director Rob Reiner and his film producer wife, Michele Singer Reiner, following the deaths of the couple. Nick Reiner, a 32-year-old screen-

writer, was taken into custody on Dec. 14, and is being held on \$4 million bail, according to Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department records reviewed by USA TODAY. In a Dec. 15 news conference, Los Angeles Police Department Chief Jim McDonnell confirmed Nick Reiner is a suspect who faces murder charges in connection with the deaths. “Our hearts go out to the family and friends of the Reiners,” he said. “A tragic incident.” The couple was found dead from an

apparent dual homicide inside their Los Angeles home on Dec. 14, authorities said. Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and California Gov. Gavin Newsom each released statements confirming that the director, 78, and his wife, 68, had died. “This is a devastating loss for our city and our country. Rob Reiner’s contributions reverberate throughout American culture and society, and he has improved countless lives through

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## FBI arrests 4 in plot to bomb Los Angeles

James Ward and Paris Barraza  
Palm Springs Desert Sun  
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Federal authorities have arrested four alleged members of the Turtle Island Liberation Front, an extremist

group accused of planning coordinated bombings across Los Angeles on New Year’s Eve, according to a Fox News report. The suspects were taken into custody in Lucerne Valley in San Bernardino County, where investigators say they

were preparing to test improvised explosive devices ahead of attacks on five separate locations. Each faces charges of conspiracy and possession of a destructive device.

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