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PHOTOS BY KATRINA POGGIO/Lake City Reporter

A serial killer grabs an innocent woman as his hostage while filming the "Kandy Kane Killer" on Saturday at Celebrity's Soul Food in Fort White.

Independent horror flick films at Fort White restaurant

By **KATRINA POGGIO**
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Screams and yelps erupted out of a Fort White restaurant on Saturday, but the danger was merely cinematic.

On the front porch of Celebrity's Soul Food, a hooded, masked man grabs an innocent woman at lunch. It's the Kandy Kane Killer, and he's on set for a locally-shot independent film.

Behind the scenes, Raul Colón prepared for his cop role in the "Kandy Kane Killer" movie. It will be his 45th film since he started acting in 2012.

"I looked over the script and fell in love with it," Colón said.

Colón, a bodybuilder, actor and stuntman, has performed in "Iron Man 3" and the TV show "Graceland," among many other roles.

He lives right down the road from the restaurant and calls the Fort White area his home. When he's not on camera, he's helping the director find nearby locations for the movie.

"I just want this area to grow," Colón said.

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Director Adrian Blade prepares for another shot on the "Kandy Kane Killer" set. He said he wants Florida to become a successful area for independent film.

Proposed land rule stirs pot

Change would prevent industrial-scale farms near hydrological areas

By **CARL MCKINNEY**
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Concerned area farmers and angry Fort White residents will likely clash over agricultural regulations this week, according to county officials.

A proposed rule that would prevent industrial-scale livestock farms from operating near sensitive hydrological areas will go before the county commission on Thursday. The regulation, which has been in the works since last March, has some local residents riled up, said County Attorney Joel Foreman.

"There's a lot of fresh attention that wasn't here about a year ago," Foreman said.



Foreman

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Weed is not likely locally

By **CARL MCKINNEY**
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The medical marijuana boom might not hit Columbia County anytime soon, and local residents expecting to smoke the soon-to-be legal medicine could be disappointed.

The once-expected influx of zoning permit applications from dispensaries might not come, said County Manager Ben Scott.

"I don't know if there's a company that wants to build anything in Lake City," he said.

State Sen. Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, has proposed a bill that would require the drug to be sold by a licensed grower, of which there are



Scott

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State of real estate in county is 'strong' and 'stable'

By **TAYLOR GAINES**
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Slow and steady wins the race, and the Columbia County housing market has reached its healthiest point since the recession after years of consistent recovery, according to 2016's

Florida Realtors Association report.

"People should feel very good about the market," said Dan Gherna, executive vice president of the Lake City Board of Realtors. "We've ascended at a steady rate, which is very good for the market and shows great

stability."

The report, which details sales statistics from 2011-16, shows marked improvements in the market in nearly every category. Median and average sale prices have increased every year since 2011, and closed sales have nearly doubled.

The average sale price in 2016 was \$148,712 compared to \$120,797 in 2011. Closed sales have leapt from 288 to 557.

Meanwhile, the median time to contract and median time to sale have seen about a 50 percent decrease. Median time to contract

was 169 days in 2011 and 79 days in 2016.

In other words, said Sandy Kishton, a real estate agent and member of the Board of Realtors, more homes are selling for more money in less time.

"I think it's a pretty strong market right now," she said.

"We came out of a recession in 2012 and have been on a steady incline since. I think as the overall economy has improved, so has the real estate market."

The 2016 statistics also show a market that is

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