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'It just don't make any sense,' New Columbia resident Ida Cunningham, says about the police shooting of her neighbor.

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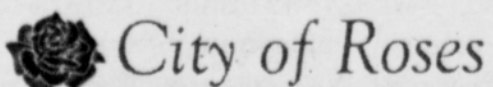
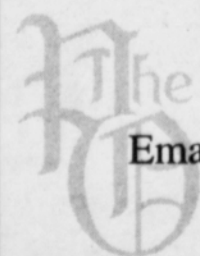
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issues with police anyways," she said. "Police assume when people have a gun or knife, and then they just start shooting."

One resident, who refused to share his name, said he would definitely feel fear if the cops came to his yard, for an incident that had nothing to do with him. "It puts you in the middle of things, and it makes me feel unsafe," he said.

Yolanda Canty, whose mother lives in the neighborhood, disagreed. "From what I hear the dude attacked the police, came out shooting' and wouldn't put the gun down," she said. "I don't understand the situation because if saw the police in uniforms in my yard, I wouldn't open the door."

Eric Holstad, a resident of the

neighborhood, said the violence in the neighborhood is troubling.

"It bothers me it's in my area, but it's getting better," he said. "10-years-ago I wouldn't have stepped foot on this side of town."

He said, however, there needs to be more gun awareness throughout the community. "I'm a gun owner myself, but it is always down and unloaded," he said. "I love guns, but I know a lot of people don't know how to use them."

Eric Daniels, a minister for a local church nearby, said he also worries about the violence in the area. "There is a label on the villa, and they (police) tend to overdo it out here."

"There is no balance," Daniels said. "We need to be more proactive."

Foster Farms Cooking Contest

Foster Farms announces its third annual Fresh Chicken Cooking Contest with a grand prize of \$10,000 plus a one-year supply of Foster Farms fresh chicken.

Home, amateur and professional chefs from California, Oregon and Washington are eligible to apply. Those with the best original, fresh chicken recipes using West Coast fresh, locally grown ingredients will move on to compete in regional finals, culminating at The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in St. Helena, Calif. on Sept. 28. The deadline to enter is June 3.

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