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Guardian Angels get a home

Now that's a switch.

A bar which has been considered a neighborhood nuisance has been turned over to a neighborhood protective association.

The bar is the White House Cafe on Hazle Street. It has been at the center of controversy since a series of violent crimes occurred in and around the establishment. Two people were killed and several more were wounded by gunshots in recent years.

In response to these incidents and neighbors' complaints, the owners of the bar closed it earlier this year.

Now, the owners have turned the bar over to the local chapter of the Guardian Angels for a token fee of \$1.

The Guardian Angels are an unarmed volunteer crime prevention group that patrols high crime areas and reports problem to the police. They wear trademark red berets and jackets.

Hazle Street is the perfect location for the Guardian Angels' headquarters. The owner of the bar, Lisa Ruzzi, deserves a salute for donating it.

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