

# Hells Angels set to relocate

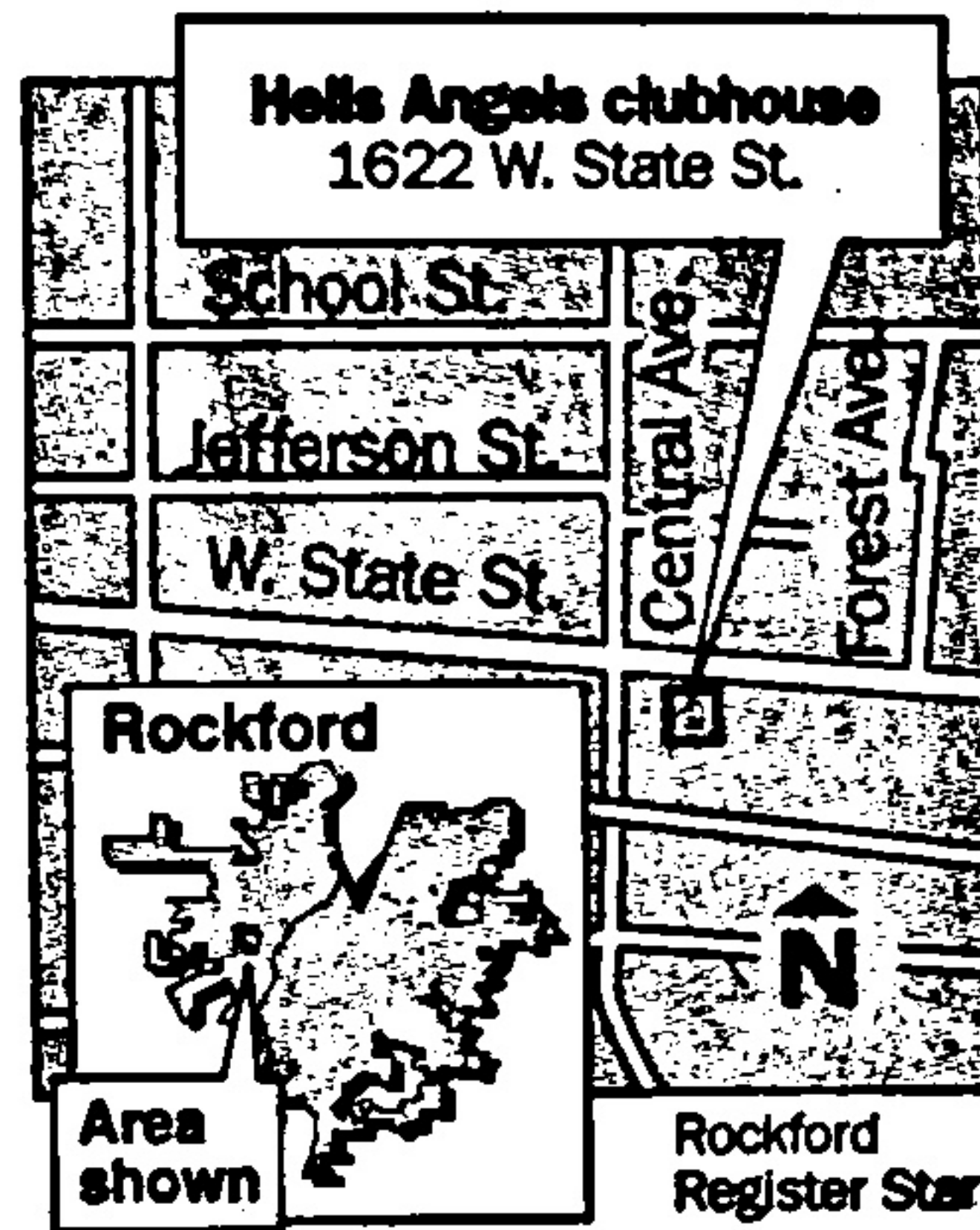
■ **New site a mystery:** The motorcycle club will have a new Rockford headquarters, with a boost from school district.

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ROCKFORD — The Hells Angels are getting ready to relinquish the West State Street clubhouse where they have clashed frequently with police over the years.

But where the motorcycle club will establish new headquarters — with taxpayer support — is a mystery stirring rumors in surrounding



neighborhoods.

The Rockford School District is working to purchase the clubhouse as part of a school construction project that requires the public school district to help the

Hells Angels relocate.

School officials, however, will not divulge where the motorcycle club might move.

"They're free to move wherever they want," said school district operations director Jim Olson. "We don't push them into a neighborhood and say, 'Here, folks, you have to live with the Hells Angels now.'"

Among locations rumored to be under consideration are Seventh Street near Broadway, Cunningham Street south of downtown and Pierpont Avenue west of the city limits.

Attempts to reach Hells Angels leaders Wednesday were unsuccessful.

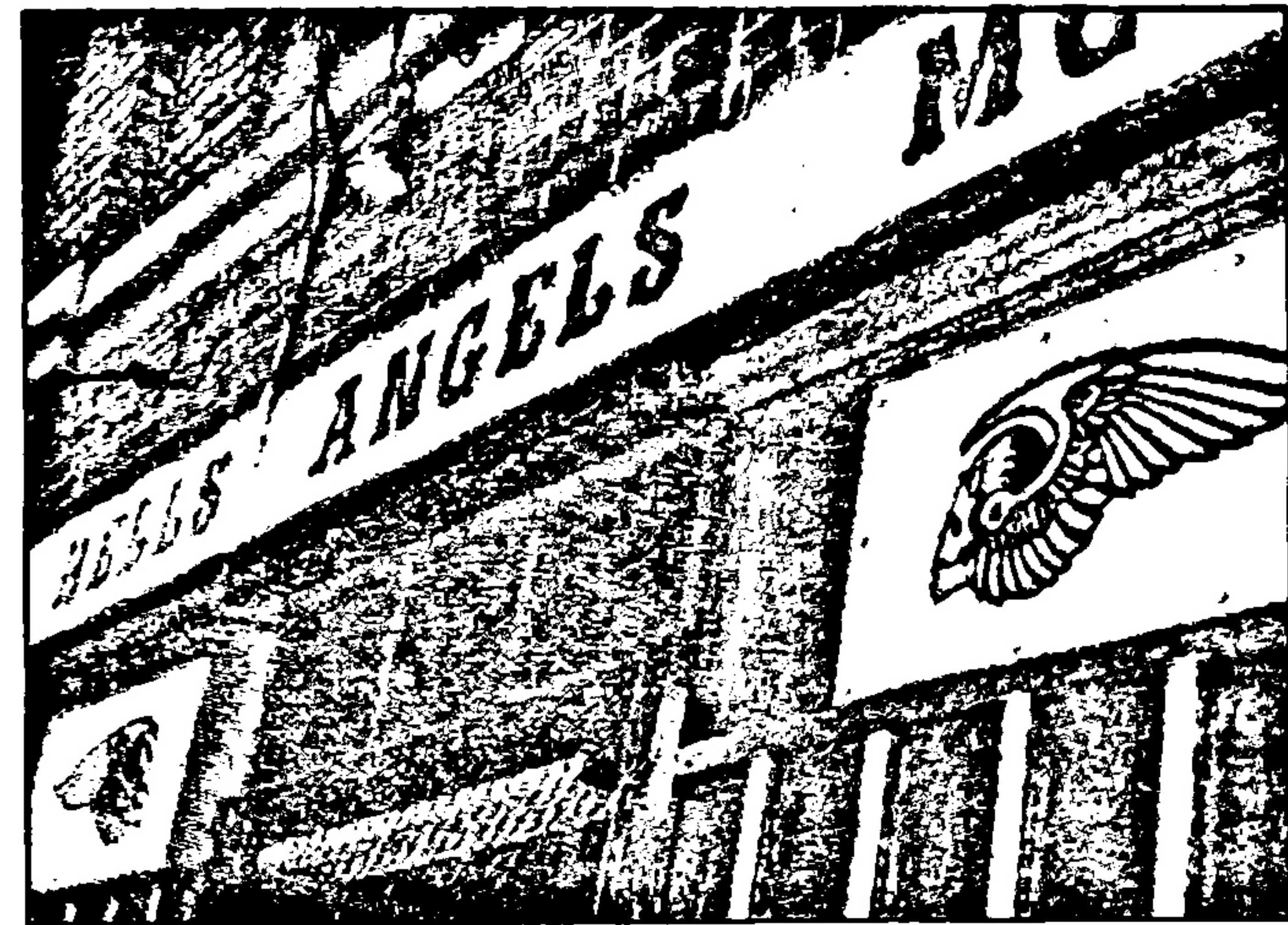
The motorcycle club's current clubhouse at 1622 W. State St. — headquarters for more than 10 years — has a market value of about \$32,000.

In addition, the club could receive up to \$10,000 in relocation costs and other benefits from the school district.

The school district plans to acquire and demolish four square blocks of real estate for Ellis Arts Academy, a multimillion-dollar project needed to comply with court-ordered school desegregation.

School officials said they nearly have a deal with the Hells Angels.

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The Hells Angels clubhouse at 1622 W. State St. will close up after about 10 years. The motorcycle club will move to an undisclosed location.