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A resident of the Cass Corridor neighborhood, Alan Papineau, says of Anderson's Garden on public nuisance grounds will reduce prostitution in the area. (Staff photo by Craig Piechura)





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But Harry Levenburg, 65, of South-field, owns such an establishment — Anderson's Garden — a bar that, after 25 years of police investigations, has become synonymous with the prostitu-tion trade in Detroit.

After a protracted, five-year legal struggle, Levenburg's har was pad-locked Monday morning by Wayne County Prosecutor William L. Cahalan and Detroit Police Chief William L. Hart under terms of a consent judgment entered by Wayne County Circuit Judge Patrick J. Duggan on Jan. 23. In exchange for the settlement the prosecutor has dropped criminal charges against Levenburg.

The court order stipulates that the bar "constitutes a public nuisance" and forbids Levenburg from ever engaging in the liquor business again in Michi-

The bar will be closed for a mini-mum of four months. After that it may reopen under new ownership and a new name.

While Levenburg is allowed to sell the bar and transfer his liquor license, any new owner must first be approved by the prosecutor, the Detroit police chief and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The buyer also must agree to exclude known prostitutes from the premises. from the premises.

THE PERSON who buys Levenburg's liquor license must agree not to use the name "Anderson's Garden," or anything similiar, at any location in the city under terms of the agreement.

at the padlock ceremony Monday morning Prosecutor Cahalan called the closing of Anderson's Garden bar the final step "in closing the triangle" of businesses in the area that allegedly

aided and abetted prostitutes. Carnovale, chief assistant Levenburg's attorney, Jack Schon, attorney for Wayne County

was unavailable for comment on the court settlement or the padlock action. A woman answering the phone at the Levenburg home said she doubted if he would talk to the Observer & Eccentric because "your coverage of Anderson's Garden was very unfavorable."

Originally, the owners of three businesses in the area — Anderson's Garden, the Wilcrest Hotel and the Fourthwillis Hotel — were indicted in February 1980 by a Wayne County citizen's ary 1950 by a wayne country citizen's grand jury investigating prostitution activity. Also indicted was Ronald Share, identified as the owner of the Last Chance Bar at the southeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Woodward.

Five Southfield residents indicted were Harry Levenburg and son Eugene Levenburg, 27, — named in the 1980 indictment as the owners of Anderson's Garden — Aram Jurjurian, 76, former owner of the Wilcrest Hotel; Louis Jonas, and son. Walter Jonas, 52, named as partners in the Wilcrest Ho-

Jurjurian sold the hotel after he was sentenced on a felony charge of "con-spiracy to pander" and placed on two years' probation.

LOUIS and Walter Jonas were given one year's probation. The senior Jonas was convicted on a felony charge of "attempting to maintain and operate (a building) for the purpose of prostitution" while his son was found guilty on a misdemeanor charge of admitting a person into the hotel for the purpose of norstitution. prostitution.

Earlier prosecutors closed the Willis Show Bar, next door to Anderson's Gar-den, as a public nuisance and are seek-ing similiar action against the Last Chance Bar, according to Dominick

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The last last call at Anderson's Garden was 14 hours earlier, but that didn't stop a steady stream of would-be customers from pulling up in front of the padlocked bar Monday afternoon. They were looking for more then?

the padlocked bar Monday afternoon. They were looking for more than a drink and the "famous hot pastrami sandwich" mentioned in one convention guide listing about the bar. The bar, owned by Harry Levenburg of Southfield, has acquired a reputation over the years as one of Detroit's most notorious hooker hangouts. It was closed as the result of a long and complicated court battle against the ownership.

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In the time it took for the Observer & Eccentric reporter to jot down the wording on the court order stapled to the bar's front door, two middle-aged men tried the locked door of the bar.

They were told the bar had been pad-locked as a public nuisance earlier that day by authorities.

The first man had parked his late model Lincoln across the street from the bar, in front of the Glorious Freedom Mission. Dressed in a three-piece suit, he appeared to be a prosperous suburban businessman. He asked where the girls' ween. Somebody suggested the Last Chance Bar on Eight Mille and Woodward.

"Which way is Woodward?" asked the appparent out-of-towner before getting back into his car.

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"I figured it would be closed," said the man who, understandably, wouldn't give his name. "When they closed the Willis Show Bar I figured this one was

Willis Show Bar I figured this one was next."

He said he'd been coming to the bar since the 1950s.

"It was a regular hangout," said the man. "It was a deent place. You see the sign — they had entertainment."

In those days, the man said, the "women you'd meet in the bar were beautiful." Nowadays, he said, "they're just whores."

He pronounced the word as if it rhymed with Coors.

Despite those misgivings, he wanted to visit his old haunt on its last day in subsness, for old times sake, he said. He was 14 hours late for the wake.

NEIGHBORS living near the bar weren't so nostalgic about the place. Mary Lou Brown, pastor of the Glo-rious Freedom Mission, applauded the

rious Preedom Mission, applauded the padlock action saying that closing the bar, even if it is only for four months, will help the area.

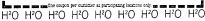
"We've prayed for the area to be upgraded," said Pastor Brown. "This is the fifth bar in the area that has closed, and it should slow things down a bit if you close the headquarters."

Alan Papineau, 41, lives near the bar and drove over to see if news reports about its closing were true. He said he was glad to see the bar gone but doubt-ed if the lockout would decrease prostitution in the area.

"I'll just circulate 'em around (to ABOUT a minute later another man drove up to the bar in a beat-up red compact. He rolled down his car window and opened his mouth to reveal a few missing front teeth.

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