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BOOGIE: Club-goers gather at the Boogie in Anaheim. Nearby businesses have complained about unruly patrons.

BOOGIE AVOIDS EARLY CLOSURE

Court rejects request to shut down club before its scheduled Aug. 20 closing.

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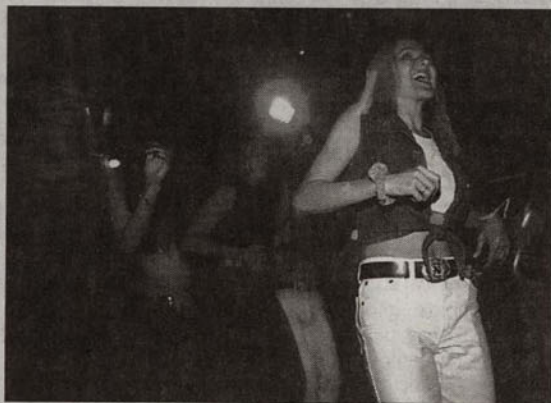
A court commissioner denied a request Wednesday to shut the Boogie nightclub immediately.

But the Anaheim nightspot won't last much longer: The county's largest dance club is expected to shut by Aug. 20.

On Wednesday, the co-owner of the land where the Boogie sits sought a temporary restraining order against club operator Jack Wade in Orange County Superior Court, saying the club should close because its insurance was due to expire Saturday.

In a closed hearing, Commissioner Jane Myers rejected the bid after the Boogie's attorney submitted documents showing the insurance policy is in effect until Aug. 20, said Michael Adele, who represents the landowner.

Boogie attorney Edward Weiss declined to comment.



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OLD WEST: Nikee Chambers line-dances at Cowboy Boogie, one of the nightclub's past names, in 1997.

"It sounds like they are willing to work with us to agree to be out by the 20th," Adele said.

Adele said Wade failed to respond to requests for information about the insurance status and the company informed him that the policy expired Saturday. Adele said he plans to verify Weiss' papers.

State and city officials have

cracked down on the club, with the state alleging liquor-license violations and police receiving a record number of police calls, including fights and confiscated guns. Nearby businesses lost customers and closed in the early morning to avoid violence from Boogie customers. An 18-year-old man was fatally shot at a nearby Denny's.

The club is due to lose its liquor license Aug. 17, and the city dance-hall permit is up for revocation. In May, the license was suspended for 30 days because of lewd conduct.

Court papers state that Wade owes \$127,500 in rent money to co-owner Beverly Gibson, who said she has endured financial hardship. Gibson said her son is having his fourth hand surgery and she is having trouble paying for it.

"I always thought Jack cared about things like that," Gibson said. "It's definitely been frustrating."

Court documents state that Wade's oral lease deal was with Gibson's brother, Charles McNeese, who co-owns the land. McNeese did not return a phone message Wednesday.

Gibson said she is unsure what will happen to the long-time family-owned land after the club closes.

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