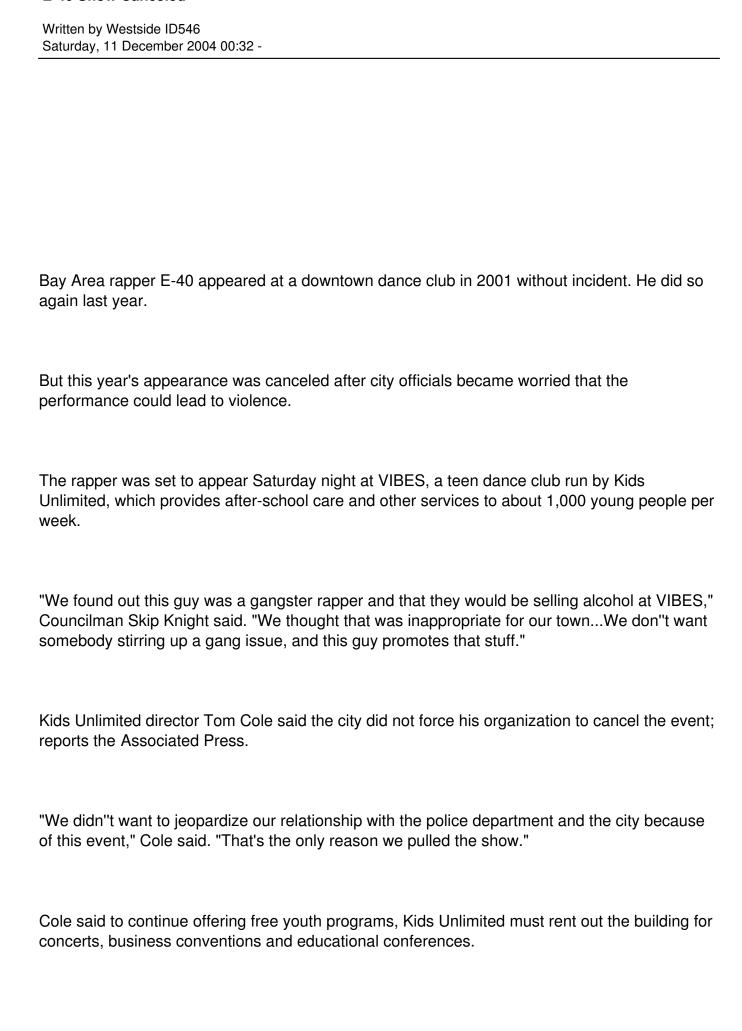
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City officials were apparently unaware that rap artist E-40 had appeared at VIBES twice before. Cole said there were no problems with violence or gangs at the rapper's previous Medford hip hop shows.

"He was really a nice guy," Cole said.

The police and city leaders were also concerned that alcohol would be sold at the show. Concert fliers announcing the E-40 show advertised a beer garden for adults in the upstairs portion of the building.

But Cole said he did not believe alcohol sales would happen at the all-ages concert because of difficulty securing a vendor.

Other events at VIBES, including a Friday night concert featuring Mexican music, provide alcohol to adult concertgoers, Cole said.