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Wicked Underground Music Festival

East Moline American Legion

Saturday, June 24, 5 p.m.



If Alice Cooper and The Misfits have always seemed a little too cute and cuddly for you, you won't want to miss the Wicked Underground Music Festival, occurring at the East Moline American Legion on June 24. Local and national artists will wow the faithful - and amaze the uninitiated - with the finest in "horrorcore," defined as horror-themed hip-hop/rap, and perfected by the likes of V-Sinizter, whose song list includes "Bring the Pain," "Disturbing Behavior," and "Murder the World." (Those horrorcore performers ... always so damned *chipper*.) The show is being produced by IlliTex Entertainment and, in a press release, company co-owner Benjamin J. Stockwell writes that horrorcore was first popularized in the early '90s by such groups as The

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Flatlinerz and Gravediggaz. He also adds that Saturday's show will, in addition to V-Sinizer, feature Houston's Claas and the Iowa band Grewsum. And if you think these performers make their *fans* explode, you should see what they just did to my spell-check. East Moline's American Legion is located at 829 16th Avenue, and more information on the Wicked Underground Music Festival is available at (
<http://www.illitex.com>
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Rehab

Rock Island Brewing Company

Friday, June 23, 10 p.m.



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According to its Web site (<http://www.rehabmusic.com>), Atlanta-based alternative rockers Rehab began their careers by "pioneering mash-ups of scorching rock and searing rap," and the group's band members have worked with the likes of OutKast, Bonecrusher, and L'il John. So how did the inspiration for the band's most recent CD - 2005's

Graffiti the World -

wind up coming from Simon & Garfunkel? Rehab frontman Danny Alexander explains that he was moved by "The Sounds of Silence" and its lyric "the words of the prophet are written on the subway walls," which led him to create a work celebrating "the station [where] you are in life, and trying to get to the next area or stop." After the group's 2000 album,

Southern Comfort -

described by the All Music Guide's Stewart Mason as "a disturbing and often bleakly funny depiction of the world of drug abuse" - this seems a perfectly logical progression, especially

for a band called Rehab. The rocker-rappers will play the Rock Island Brewing Company on Friday, June 23 ... and does anyone else find it ironic that, in order to go to Rehab, you first have to walk into a bar? For more information on Rehab, and future musical events at RIBCO, visit (

<http://www.ribco.com>

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The Mousetrap

Clinton Area Showboat Theatre

Thursday, June 22, through Saturday, July 8

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