

EV GRIEVE

A BLOG ABOUT THE EAST VILLAGE

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009

An encouraging sign for the former Amato Opera?

I walk by the former Amato Opera on Bowery near Second Street fairly often. The Amato closed May 31 after a 61-year run. [As Curbed noted](#), the building sold for \$3.7 million.

Each time I walk by, I expect to see the Amato letters removed from the building...



...and all the costumes boxed up...

BY THE WAY

Here, you'll find things that you may or may not be interested in about the East Village and other parts of New York City. Appreciating what's here while it's still here. Remembering what's no longer here. Wishing some things weren't here that are here.

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Still, I have some hope for this space. [The Real Deal](#) reported in late January that the building's new owner wants another theater to occupy the ground floor.

Plus! I find this encouraging: This commemorative plaque went up at the Amato this week.



VH McKenzie commented on [Ice Capades](#): *love.*

THE NOTORIOUS

L.I.B.E.R.A.T.I.O.N. commented on [Snow Mobile](#): *So cute.*

VH McKenzie commented on [Snow Mobile](#): *Snowman hood ornament -- why haven't we thought of this before now? Perfection.*

Anonymous commented on [Snow Mobile](#): *Nice clean wholesome non phallic fun with snow.*

Robin Milim commented on [How Can I Really Be Expected To Post](#): *Gotta get the bread and milk! LOL, this is hysterical -...*

MaddMaxx commented on [Silent Pro 7 Eleven Collective Launches](#): *YIKES! I hope they don't sell corn dogs; I'd suspect some undigested little kernels would...*

Anonymous commented on [Sad Saga Of Ninos Pizza 20 Comes To End](#): *Nino's, you were my pizza for 25 years. When I came down the block one day to get a pizza and...*

Anonymous commented on [How Can I Really Be Expected To Post](#): *oh noes! it is snowing in the winter! hope it is not hot in July!!*

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Would anyone bother with a plaque if the building was going to turn into, say, a condo?

For further reading:

[Amato Opera \(Jeremiah's Vanishing NY\)](#)



POSTED BY GRIEVE AT 7:00 AM

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NEITHER MORE NOR LESS (2006-2011)



5 COMMENTS:

[Bowery Boogiesaid...](#)

good point. let's hope there's no demolition.

JUNE 18, 2009 AT 9:45 AM



[Gogglasaid...](#)

Encouraging...it would be nice to see preservation of some of the original elements.

JUNE 18, 2009 AT 10:37 AM



[Jeremiah Mossaid...](#)

a very good sign indeed!

JUNE 18, 2009 AT 1:54 PM

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Anonymous said...

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the same guy who owns the illegal hotel next to the Hell's Angels bought this building, too.

JUNE 18, 2009 AT 4:11 PM

EV Grievesaid...

Steve Croman of Croman Real Estate?

JUNE 19, 2009 AT 3:04 PM

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"Best taco shop and bouti...

A new twist on the Man With
Van moving wars

On the liquor license agenda in
July: Iggy's and o...

Trash and Vaudeville pays its
respects

Noted

Something other than a bar
opens on Avenue A

NYU looking to run Greenwich
Village out of town

Somewhere over Fifth Street

More photos of last night's sky

When you're out this weekend,
please buy something...

Meanwhile, what you can do
outside today

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Seven photos of the sky taken
between 6 p.m. and 9...

Cole Comfort

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At Superdive

Reindeer games

Please place bottles, cans and
pink boas in the bl...

Why you won't be able to find
any hair spray on Lo...

The plan to save what's left of
the Bowery

Grand opening for 52E4!

ConEd repairs treacherous sidewalk

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Evening recap: The possibility of a building colla...

Report: City inspectors give Mott Street building ...

But is R-Pattz OK???????????

Trash and treasure at Bullet Space

No. 2 to go

Wedding notes

273 Mott St. in danger of collapsing; Robert Patti...

Another new bar for Avenue A

On the hunt for a dive bar with "interesting beers...

CB3 didn't approve a liquor license for Superdive;...

Feels as if we just wrote a post like this

Ohhhing and aahhing

I want to go to the beach

Baquette expands its empire to the Financial Dist...

Update on the Lower Eastside Girls Club: Groundbre...

Glitter Gulp continues prepping for grand opening ...

Cooper Union still looking for a store (plus, we c...

52E4 gets some stairs

A short history of Citi-Spaces at Second Avenue an...

Watching the St. Mark's sinkhole

Gunshots on Fourth Street and Avenue B Saturday af...

Superdive: "a total shitshow" and "impressively ch...

Meat pies and sausage rolls coming to St. Mark's P...

Superdive is opening Thursday or Friday, the 25th ...

The accident waiting to happen happened

Banks showing more attitude with ATM fees

Trash Station

Space available at 319 E. 10th St. (and don't forg...

Anti-ramen graffiti remains at former Love Saves t...

That bus on Houston

Noted

The Times mourns the Mayor of Seventh Street

Village X closes on St. Mark's Place: Tourists wil...

In case you forgot what it looks like

Street fair!

The Post's headline is "Caw 911"

Yes!

Superdive: "Should be condemned"

Noted

"Killer's Kiss" at midnight

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Report: Police continue investigation into death o...

Bill Binzen's "Tenth Street"

Former construction company
becoming a two-family ...

Office space at former site of
Waldorf Hysteria?

Dumping Bloomberg

Noted

East Village, please meet your
new nightmare

An encouraging sign for the
former Amato Opera?

Speaking of the Bowery...

Still speaking of the Bowery

Jimmy McMillan campaigns in
the East Village last ...

Breaking: Lower East Side is
NYC's "hottest nightl...

One way of dealing with roof-
party snobs, courtesy...

The ramenators remove the
wood

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Looking at the "Lower East
Side: An Endangered Pla...

Easy as One Two Three

Yogurt and cherries on St.
Mark's Place

Perhaps they spent all the
money on the renovation...

The ramenating continues

Dog day afternoon

Waiting on a friend

News from other East Villages:
Shots fired at a pa...

Report: CBGB settlement case
comes to a close

The Hells Angels kindly request
that hotel guests ...

Media find people suddenly,
suspiciously outraged ...

Gentlemen, this is a headline

Speaking of ads...

Reminder tonight: Meeting for
a plan to preserve t...

Noted

Double noted

Beaming up on the Bowery

Albert Hammond Jr. finds
someone else to buy his T...

This seems perfectly safe!

The Evolution continues to
evolve (sort of)

Yankee Plywood

The Spiderman sightings
continue

DBGB signage as pretentious
as you'd expect

A quick look inside Keith
McNally's new joint on t...

Bread and Butta needs more
bread

Things that you will be able to
smoke on Avenue B

Noted

Last day for the Virgin
Megastore (and why you
wil...

Gusher on Third Avenue

A red-tailed hawk on Seventh
Street

James Franco vs. Robert
Pattinson

True love

About "Loud Fast Jews"

Blood simple

Life with those Yelpers: "This is one store I woul...

An FYI (FroYo Information)

From the EV Grieve Reader Mailbox

Automated Thief Machine

Vanity Fee

FLicKeR

Get it by the ounce: New FroYo joint now open for ...

Former Five Rose's space gutted

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The Post keeps 'em coming

Tompkins Square Park playground completion now set...

The stickers do not come off very easily

Tempo's cheeky new ad

An afterschool special

In case you can't WAIT until tomorrow to watch "St...

Woah is me?

All the Fulton Street Duane Reade news that's fit ...

Butter Lane owner: "We are not turning into a bar!...

St. Brigid's and Matt Dillon, together again?

Your chance to nab a piece of junk from Le Souk

Steve Cuzzo digs DBGB, the Bowery

Dumpster of the day

Speaking of the Lower East Side: A random photo fr...

Noted

Spina opens

Report: Bogus help wanted ads
fill Hoboken with Ne...

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Weather on the run

"Is Butter Lane turning into a
bar?"

When there's no more room in
the trash for your tr...

"Step Up 3D" is pretty much
going to be filming al...

Craigslist ad of the day

The Holiday continues with the
cheesy promotions

Every picture tells a story: Rod
Stuart strikes ag...

The weekend in review

The final countdown

No anarchy?

Another Italian restaurant for
Avenue B

Fierce Pussy on Extra Place

Summer rental

Noted

Former Waldorf Hysteria space
getting the plywood

Noted

The motorcycle diaries

Fewer noise complaints to 311 -
- except for that i...

Noted

The Times on why NYC
corporate law firms are
becom...

Street fair!

Meeting for a plan to preserve
the Bowery

Remembering the "Mayor of
the LES"

Last year at this time on EV
Grieve: The Lower Eas...

Not That Way Anymore

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The Scavengers

A quick follow-up to Tuesday
night's Cooper Square...

"Some great art was produced
in those self-indulge...

Noted

Mourning the loss of the Mayor
of Seventh Street

This Pete Wentz Week in
Review

From the EV Grieve Weston,
Fla. Bureau

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posting: Did she ...

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posting: Drink-an...

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posting: Sun roof...

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posting: The trai...

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Claim: Tuesday night's DBS Volante Convertible par...

City's third Caffè Buon Gusto coming to Avenue B

The scaffolding will return to the front of St. Br...

Runnin' Scared has more on last Saturday night's a...

A little bit of Soho in the East Village: From ste...

Human league

Trainwrecks: Angels & Kings back open last night

Report: Police charge two teens for robbery on Ave...

Zips is now Caffè Buon Gusto

Residents discuss the problems created by the Coop...

Noted

Will there still be a Trainwreck tonight at Angels...

A letter to readers who use Internet Explorer from...

In response to recent violence in the East Village...

LostLES: A celebration of an iconic neighborhood

On the liquor license docket: Butter Lane Cupcakes...

Such as serving alcohol to minors?

I'm lovin' it!

Pearl Street officially a street again -- with a p...

I looked so you don't have to

A Manhattan family that intrigues, intimidates and...

An update on the East Village of Des Moines

Fire trucks at Fifth Street and First Avenue

A lot of motorcycles on the FDR

At 2 x 4: Another bar, another awning?

Weekend in review: Theatre 80 to remain a theater

Noted

Moving into the Coop

Step Up 3D returns to the East Village

Angels & Kings closed today for "maintenance issue..."

Jack Black ushers in the return of ads to Third Av...

Mr. C's on C now open

Thai coming to former sad pizza place

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3FW if you keep scrolling In the past two weeks, multiple readers have sent us emails asking if we had seen a woman walking around the ne...



[The East Village rolls out welcome wagon for new Starbucks](#)

Spotted on the plywood at the incoming Starbucks on First Avenue and East Third Street ... thanks to jdx for the photos...



[\[Updated\] We do not know what this is on St. Mark's Place](#)

Spotted by @thestarkonline on St. Mark's Place between First Avenue and Avenue A ... Uh... Good lord... And in the light of day... A ...



[Everyone loves a really bad meatball sandwich!](#)

EV Grieve reader MP sent this along from outside JoeDough today on First Avenue near St. Mark's ... Heh. And here's the Yelp review fro...



[\[Updated\] Here comes the East River](#)

East River Park just now... Via EVG reader John...

...and Crazy Eddie... About 10:30 ...
 via @ARaeAshcraft ... And 11 a.m. ...
 v...



Despite plea, landlord doubling rent on East Village family with cancer-stricken 2 year old

1 Sept. 22, members of the community came together to organize a fundraiser called "James Day" in First Park in support of James Panitz



The Holiday Cocktail Lounge is closing Saturday night

[Ben Rosenzweig/ Grub Street] We feared the worst when 75 St. Mark's Place went on the market last fall . Aside from several apartments, ...



On East Second Street, a sink hole and an Icicle Audi

Thanks to RyanAvenueA for this shot... of a large hole in the middle of Second Street near Second Avenue... Come spring, we'll move the c...



[Updated] d.b.a. owner Ray Deter in critical condition after bicycling accident

The folks at d.b.a. asked us to share the following message about Ray Deter, who owns dba on First Avenue as well as the locations in Willia...



This was the line for McSorley's at 8:56 a.m., March 17, 2012

y, it's St. Patrick's Day. In case you didn't know already because your neighbors have recently discovered the Pogues. Anyway! Forgot to...

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