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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012

Gimme Gimme Records is closing after Sunday; 4th East Village record store to shutter this year



Ugh. Gimme Gimme Records, a gem of a used shop on East Fifth Street (next to the 9th Precinct), is closing after this weekend. This past summer, as we noted here, Steve Croman of Croman Realty (9300 Realty) bought the building... **a huge rent hike ensued and...** the store that just recently celebrated its 18th year is closing Sunday night. That's how it goes.

And it is/was a great little store... open three days a week (and Slum Goddess works here) ... with a piano teacher using the space at other times. Seems so *quaint* in these bloodthirsty real-estate days.

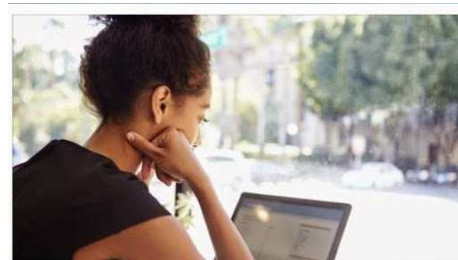
Owner Dan Cook has plans to eventually reopen the store in Los Angeles. Maybe you can visit. And by my count, this is the fourth record store to close in the East Village this year — Norman's, Rockit Scientist and Big City Records.

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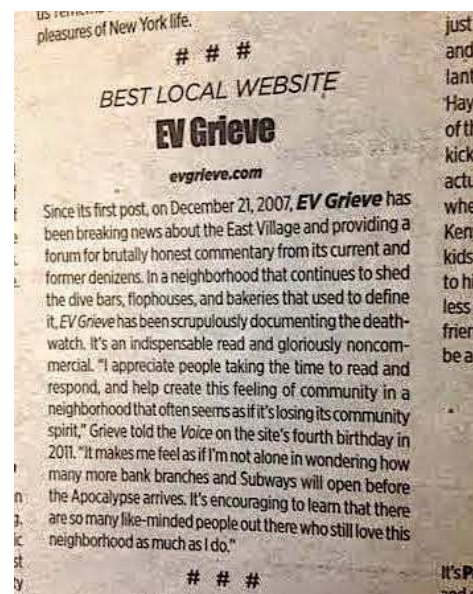


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25 COMMENTS:

Anonymous said...

Very sad. I only discovered this store last year and have been a frequent customer since. Sad to see it leave. Great prices and selection of vinyl.

- East Villager

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 9:00 AM



Eden Bee said...

Yes. Come by this weekend if you want to show some support, buy some vinyl and say goodbye..Very sad about this!

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 9:53 AM

James C. Taylor said...

Ooof! Another hit to the gut. I guess cops don't buy vinyl.

I wasn't a frequent visitor to this store but I did procure a handful of choice LPs from this location on a couple of occasions. Interesting selection but pricier than Academy on 12th, which is fast-becoming the last hold-out for East Village vinyl listeners.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 10:06 AM

Marty Wombacher said...

Always hate to see another record store close.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 10:24 AM

Anonymous said...

Great store, will be missed. Unfortunately it was only a matter of time before something like this happened. Fuck NYC real estate and it's douchebag landlords. Of course this store will turn into some generic upscale piece of shit retail boutique. Glad to hear that the owner is moving to LA. Things have changed out there as well, but not like here. In fact I may follow his lead and go out there too. If I've said it once I've said it a thousand times: New York City is OVER, DONE, WHITE-WASHED, NUTS CUT OFF AND EVERYTHING.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 10:29 AM

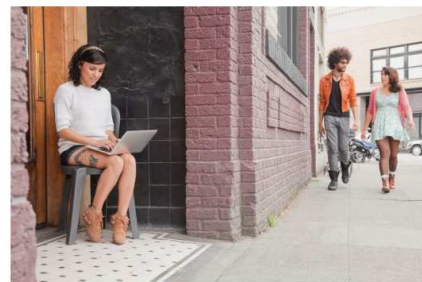


editrrix said...

Another great record store gone. We really liked these people and they have a wonderful selection of vinyl. Wish them well in

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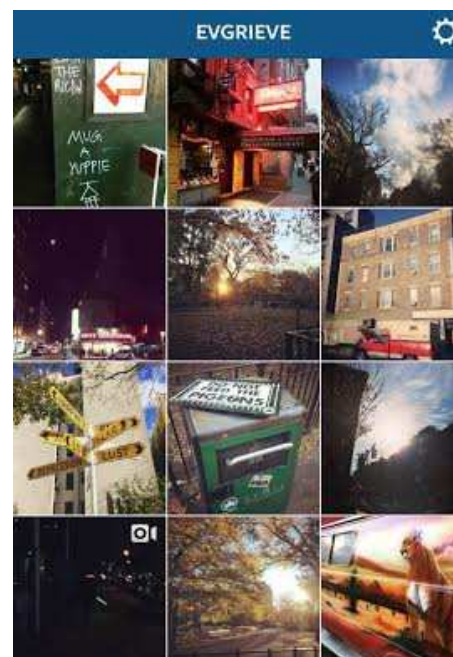
BY THE WAY

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.

WE LOVE TIPS

Have a story idea or tip about something happening in the East Village? Or maybe a photo? Or several photos? Or video! We'd love to hear about it. Or see it. Or something. Please go here to submit a tip.

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LA, though it makes me so sad that the hood is becoming so bland.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 10:45 AM

jdx said...

i'm excited for the new 7-11.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 12:09 PM

Anonymous said...

I need more records like I need more CDs or cassette tapes, but I will probably stop by this weekend and buy some.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 12:21 PM

Bowery Boogie said...

soon you'll only be able to buy physical music in starbucks.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 3:21 PM

glamma said...

Croman should be thrown in jail for crimes against culture and humanity

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 3:38 PM

Anonymous said...

Great unpretentious store. Fantastic selection, cool vibe, and on the most part pretty good prices. This is a real bummer. Another one bites the dust.

NYC is done. Just keeps sinking to new depths. Hear, hear for LA. Like 10:29 said, LA has been changing but in complete opposite to NYC. Good luck Gimme Gimme.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 3:46 PM

Anonymous said...

I'll stop by there this weekend to say farewell and give some business to the owners. Hope they continue on to success in the new place....

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 3:52 PM

Anonymous said...

Academy is not the last option in the East Village....Kim's on 1st Ave has a great selection, and there is also Good Records on 6th Street just one block from Gimme Gimme, and Tropicalia in Furs also on 6th....

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Anonymous commented on Broadway Panhandler Is Gone: “And here I was planning on seeing if there were any double boilers left. Good thing I saw this...”

Anonymous commented on Heres Rolled Ice Cream Shop Taking Over: “Yup, they're even copying the name too....sucks!!!”

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Still, Gimme Gimme will be missed....I like to make the rounds of all these stores...

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 3:55 PM



esquared™ said...

Great place to pass time and browse records. Good selection of New Wave records, which they have as a separate category from the 80's rock/pop. I got the Depeche Mode *The Singles 81→85*, back in '96/'97, lent it to a girl I had a crush on, but she never returned it. Do I miss that record and her. I digress.

Anyway, I'll be hunting high and low for new wave or otherwise records on Gimme's last 3 days.

And A-1 Records is still around, so is St. Marks Sounds for CDs, who knows for how long for both. Let's give them business while they're still around. Would be ideal for a cash mob.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 4:07 PM

Anonymous said...

I wish Gimme Gimme would hold out or find another location in the East Village....this is the time for vinyl and it's only getting better...vinyl sales are the highest they've been since the 80s, and increasing dramatically every year...

"Still Gaining: Vinyl Sales Up 16.3 Percent In 2012..."

Digital Music News

<http://www.digitalmusicnews.com/permalink/2012/121004vinyl>

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 5:30 PM



Karim said...

Very sad news. This has been one of my favorite used record stores since the mid-90s. Kim's has no atmosphere and is run by morons, Good Records is overpriced, and A1 doesn't really have a well curated selection of 60s and 70s rock. Why do all of the cool places have to close?

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 7:47 PM

Anonymous said...

What a loss! All the charm of the EV and the rest of the city is gone.

OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 9:27 PM



SITES OF NOTE

Jeremiah's Vanishing New York
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 Ephemeral New York

Anonymous said...

I love the vibe of the place. The fact that it's also full of pianos since it doubles as a piano teaching venue. The staff talking to a disembodied voice via video chat, listing off descriptions and conditions of stacks of new vinyl takes, classic or obscure. The gems found in the dollar bins on the floor. Great new wave and 80s selection. Best prices for the quality of the records. Actually friendly and unpretentious staff. The oddball collection of turntables and record players. On and on....

OCTOBER 17, 2012 AT 12:20 AM



Edén Bee said...

I am sure Dan appreciates all these nice comments..he worked hard to make this place a success and it was..Croman is possibly Satan I think. Or some kind of wendigo demon at least.

OCTOBER 17, 2012 AT 1:08 AM



Uncle Waltie said...

I don't cry easily, but this news brought a tear to my eye. Sayonara, Gimme Gimme!

OCTOBER 17, 2012 AT 5:01 AM

Anonymous said...

i believe change is good, when it is progress. what has happened to the east village, and much of the city (chelsea, ug), just crushes my radical spirit a little more each day . . .

OCTOBER 17, 2012 AT 2:37 PM

Laurence "Shrevie" Schreiber said...

Ironically, "Gimme Gimme" is the mantra of these land lords.

OCTOBER 17, 2012 AT 3:38 PM

Anonymous said...

Ugh. Croman was my first landlord back in 1997 when I'd just come to NYC for college. I paid way too much for way too little space, and he'd bought out/kicked out a bunch of people in my building to gut as many apartments as he could. The people before me had paid only \$110 a month, but it'd been a stable building. The new neighbors didn't know each other and eventually we had a cat burglar hit nearly every unit in the building. They stole my palm pilot! I know that's just the way things go, but it's still sad. I'm never shocked when I see his name pop up on something like this.

Good luck to the guys at Gimme Gimme!

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The Shadow

Curbed

Eater

The Real Deal

Gothamist

Lost City

Forgotten New York

Blah Blog Blah

Greenwich Village Daily Photo

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Scouting New York

Nathan Kensinger Photography

Fine Blog

Slum Goddess

Washington Square Park

Patell and Waterman's History of New York

Daily Intel

Grub Street

Melanie

Melanie 2

Food Bank For New York City

John Penley photo blog

East Village Eats

Bowery Alliance of Neighbors

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A quick break in any serious reporting to let you ...

In the dark

Avenue C flooding; word of Con Ed transformer expl...

Sandy's approach

OCTOBER 18, 2012 AT 4:27 PM

Anonymous said...

Cromagnon is at it again- won't stop until they've stamped out any last vestige of culture, graciousness and individuality

OCTOBER 18, 2012 AT 10:17 PM



C.L. Rogers said...

So sad to see it go but don't worry people. With more flooding coming our way and the ability to create weapons with 3d-printers NYC could do another 360, only time will tell.

NOVEMBER 18, 2012 AT 7:29 AM

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Late afternoon at the East River

Light pole down on the FDR

Sandy skyline

[Updated] Stores that are open today

Scenes from Ninth and C — and the East River

[Updated] More downed trees

Wind power

More downed limbs

Con Ed robo calls coming in

Zoltar remains a voice of reason during these Scar...

Reader report from Avenue A: Citibank ATMs out of ...

NYPD shoos away Hurricane Sandy photoseekers along...

Looking at the FDR at 1:29 p.m. Shut?

Splash Zone poster art

Scenes from a Sandy morning walk in the East Villa...

First Avenue, 11 a.m., Oct. 29

Dog shit now piling up

[Updated] Here comes the East River

Bloomberg boombox

Early tree damage

7 a.m., Hurricane Sandy Day 1

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