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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

Landlord Steve Croman denies new lease for 40-year-old Mitali East on 6th Street



[Image via Facebook]

The sign on the restaurant's door at 334 E. Sixth St. between First Avenue and Second Avenue sums up the situation...

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Since its first post, on December 21, 2007, **EV Grieve** has been breaking news about the East Village and providing a forum for brutally honest commentary from its current and former denizens. In a neighborhood that continues to shed the dive bars, flophouses, and bakeries that used to define it, **EV Grieve** has been scrupulously documenting the death-watch. It's an indispensable read and gloriously noncommercial. "I appreciate people taking the time to read and respond, and help create this feeling of community in a neighborhood that often seems as if it's losing its community spirit," Grieve told the *Voice* on the site's fourth birthday in 2011. "It makes me feel as if I'm not alone in wondering how many more bank branches and Subways will open before the Apocalypse arrives. It's encouraging to learn that there are so many like-minded people out there who still love this neighborhood as much as I do."

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As we understand it, the Marshal has already been by with eviction papers ... and Mitali East, which has served Indian and Bengali specialties here since 1973, will be closing in another few days at most.

EVG contributor Stacie Joy dined at Mitali East last night. She said that Sai, the owner, wasn't bitter or upset — just sad. They have looked in the neighborhood for another space but, not surprisingly, nothing affordable is available.

Steve Croman bought the building in early January, according to public documents.

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POSTED BY GRIEVE AT 9:58 AM

LABELS: MITALI EAST, STEVE CROMAN

16 COMMENTS:

- Anonymous said...
That place is legend. Fuck Croman. May that space give him a headache for the next ten years.
MARCH 14, 2015 AT 10:41 AM
- Giovanni said...
Ths is both sad and entirely predictable. The Croman Crowbar strikes again. Is ANY neighborhood institution

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by Virginia K. Smith | 5/27/14 - 8:59 AM



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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RECENT COMMENTS

Sparber commented on Kabin Space For Rent On 2nd Avenue: *It*

good enough for these people? Mitlai is basically the anchor in Indian Row, it has survived all the downturns over 40 years. Gerald Ford was President when they first opened. With Mitali gone the rest of Indian Row will soon follow, and this is probaby the master plan. After all, who wants to pay market rate to live above all those "ethnic" restaunants? No one can survive a vulture wth an endless appetite.

I've been to India many times, had every type of Indian food imaginable, but Mitali was always one of my favorites. Had so many many good times there, even including the night my friend's purse was stolen rght off the chair beside her. We rushed out and seached the garbage cans, knowing that people usually dump the evidence and keep the money. We soon found her purse across the street in a vestibule, with everything still in it less the money. We still laugh about that night.

Everyone likes to tell their horror stores about the "Old East Village" and about the bad old days, yet somehow we are all still alive and healthy enough to tell them. Bye Mitali.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 10:50 AM

Anonymous said...

Time for our so-called progressive leadership to act. Let's see if our speaker and our Mayor are truly progressive or in the pockets of the real-estate industry. Christine Quinn killed this legislation years ago that could have helped place like Mitali and Café Pick Me Up at least get a fair lease offer. We need to pressure our elected officials to pass this key piece of legislation now:

"Is there a "real solution" to stop the closing of our businesses and art and cultural institutions and save New Yorker's jobs and the character of our neighborhoods?

Yes, the only real solution is the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, which was first introduced by former Councilmember Ruth Messinger in 1986 and has been denied a vote by the full city council for over 25 years. (Click Jobs Survival Act for history and bill)

What the SBJSA would do: Give rights to the tenants so they can again "bargain in good faith equally with their landlords to arrive at fair and reasonable lease terms."
•End the Crisis and Save Mom and Pop main street businesses from becoming extinct.

is really nice to read through these comments and see that so many people had great experiences...

Anonymous commented on Rent Hike Forcing Cafe Pick Me Up
Into:*True. But 80% of the water in CA is used for agriculture. So they have to decide what to do. And CA...*

Anonymous commented onLandlord Steve Croman Denies New Lease: *Now Mitali's been CROMANATED. Let's all pray for THE FALL OF THE CROMAN EMPIRE and...*

Giovanni commented on Rent Hike Forcing Cafe Pick Me Up
Into:*Newsflash: LA is Almost Out Of Water. NY may have it's share of problems, but running out of...*

Anonymous commented on Rent Hike Forcing Cafe Pick Me Up
Into:*Thanks for the insight Bro. Shouldn't you be out drinking somewhere so you can woo the night...*

Anonymous commented onLandlord Steve Croman Denies New Lease: *...that's lousy news. What we don't need is another plasticine Day-glo orange spaceship of...*

Ken From Ken's Kitchencommented on Landlord Steve Croman Denies New Lease:*Hopefully after all of the grieving over yet another loss like this, readers pick up the phone and...*

Gojira commented on Just Few Shopping Days Left: *They were all over 14th and 1st and all along Avenue A today with their green wigs and...*

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- End rent gouging
- End empty storefronts on every Main Street
- Save the jobs created by our small businesses.
- Stop the illegal extortion "under the table cash demanded by greedy landlords" of the mostly immigrant owners.
- Stabilize our city's small business community so they can again grow and do what they do best, create jobs.

The SBJSA bill has been bottled up in committee for over four years , without a vote or hearing. Why, because of the power and enormous influence of the real estate lobby, political machine, corrupt politicians who serve the special interests, and politicians who lack the political will and courage to stand up against the wealth and power of the 1%."

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 11:17 AM

Anonymous said...

I quickly misread the title as Landlord Steve Croman Dies. Wishful thinking.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 11:59 AM



Goggla said...

I agree with the first Anon. My heart just sank.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 12:19 PM

Anonymous said...

Will have to try it one last time.
Btw, Ford didn't replace Milhous the Tricky One until '74. And just as Dick gave the finger to America, now I'll give one to Croman.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 1:30 PM



CHurt said...

I imagine a sniper on the roof of the SchwimmerDome picking these restaurants off one by one. Not surprising really but some losses hit closer to home.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 1:43 PM

paddy523 said...

Not a big fan of Indian cuisine, but when I first moved here back in the 80's a few friends took me there. Great atmosphere, great service, they will be missed. These douchebags like croman, shaoul, avid care only about \$\$\$'s. In a few years only shadows will remain of what was

NEITHER MORE NOR LESS (2006-2011)



SITES OF NOTE

- Jeremiah's Vanishing New York
- The Grumbler
- Neither More Nor Less
- Nadie Se Conoce
- Flaming Pablum
- The Vanishing City
- Save the Lower East Side
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- Runnin' Scared/Village Voice
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- New York Shitty
- City Room
- New York Observer/Real Estate
- STUPEFACTION
- Bowery Boogie
- Jefferson Siegel
- NEW YORK IN THE 1990's PHOTO ARCHIVE
- John Kobeck Photography
- Nonetheless (former Esquared)
- The Lo-Down
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- East Village Radio
- Gog in NYC
- Tripping With Marty
- Marty After Dark
- Occupy East 4th Street
- jdx
- NoHo News
- Steven Hirsch

once a vibrant community. In the end though, I think the last laugh will be at the expense of these landlords, just keep jacking up the rent, how many spaces are already sitting idle?? Sooner or later they'll hit a threshold and all they'll have is empty storefronts and apartments, and they'll be on the hook for taxes etc, etc. I just hope I'm still here too see it.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 2:16 PM



creature said...

My go-to brunch (7 A), my go-to Mexican and margs (Benny's), and now my go-to Indian. It's like they want me to leave the EV. I'm grieving. I wish them all the best, and thanks for the great food.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 2:48 PM

Anonymous said...

Anonymous 11:17 - thanks for the info on this issue. I am joining up here: <http://savenycjobs.org/join-the-cause/new>

There is also the Action Committee for Reasonable Real Estate Taxes which is another side of the same issue: <https://www.cnyc.com/code/newsletters/2000/2000-win-taxaction.htm>

And you can email our councilwoman here: RMendez@council.nyc.gov

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 3:14 PM

Anonymous said...

All the go-tos . . . gone!

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 5:12 PM

Marty E. said...

This week alone....first Puebla, now this.

We're just going to have to get used to the fact that it's all going to disappear, I guess.

It's too bad. I don't think that it had to be this way.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 5:38 PM



VH McKenzie said...

@creature -- I hope Croman reads your comment, as well as the others here.

Crustypunks

Off The Grid/GVSHIP

James Maher Photography

EV Transitions

NY Through the Lens

The Space at Tompkins

NYC the Blog

The Bowery Boys

Twerking Hard in the East Village

Hotel Chelsea Blog

Ephemeral New York

This Ain't the Summer of Love

Bank the Nine

The Shadow

The Villager

Curbed

Eater

The Real Deal

Gothamist

Lost City

Forgotten New York

Blah Blog Blah

Greenwich Village Daily Photo

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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

BLOG ARCHIVE

▼ 2015 (474)

These greedy effs are driving out all of the places that draw people to live and/or visit the EV in the first place.

Shooting themselves in the foot again and again and again.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 6:06 PM

Ken from Ken's Kitchen said...

Hopefully after all of the grieving over yet another loss like this, readers pick up the phone and call their city council person to demand that something be done. That something is pass the Small Business Jobs Survival Act.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 6:43 PM

Anonymous said...

...that's lousy news. What we don't need is another plasticine Day-glo orange spaceship of craptasticism...

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 6:46 PM

Anonymous said...

Now Mitali's been CROMANATED.

Let's all pray for THE FALL OF THE CROMAN EMPIRE and CROMAGEDDEN.

ROT IN HELL CROMAN, YOU EVIL GREEDY PIG, YOUR KARMA IS AWAITING YOU.

MARCH 14, 2015 AT 10:53 PM

▼ March (90)

Last call for the Tompkins Square Park quinzhee

Home entertainment set up for grabs

Landlord Steve Croman denies new lease for 40-year...

Just a few shopping days left

The St. Stanislaus flea market is this weekend

Stuck on You

East Village students, parents and teachers join i...

Rent hike forcing Cafe Pick Me Up into its smaller...

You'll now have until March 23 to visit Puebla Mex...

Kabin space for rent on 2nd Avenue

The future of 347 Bowery (sorta!) revealed

Plywood arrives for renovation of former Vella Mar...

The Marshal seizes Mercadito on Avenue B

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Pasta in the works for St. Mark's Place

Starting work to bring Black Seed bagels to the fo...

Arturo Vega exhibition opens new Howl!-backed gall...

Here are your all-new trash cans on Avenue A

Jimmy McMillan's legal battle against his landlord...

Reel fun: Watch films that people never picked up ...

Out and About in the East Village, part 2

At Pardon My French, now open on Avenue B

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Some well-deserved love for Casey Rubber Stamps
Organic food store taking over the former Kim's Vi...
Looks as if the Subway (sandwich shop) on East 14t...
Hou Yi Hot Pot coming to 2nd Avenue
The old Subway Inn neon sign is now up at the bar'...
When it comes time to dump your furniture on the s...
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The new Holiday Cocktail Lounge opens tonight
State of New York auctioning off the remains of B...
324 E. 4th St. getting the 2 building look (but ju...
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The evolution of fashion
Well blow me down
RIP Donna Harris
Former Mobil station transformed into gorgeous Sty...
Catching up with legendary street photographer Flo...

Tweets and free irons that leak

RIP Amnon Kehati

An East Village Sugar sighting

Along comes Mary

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A Village moon view

The Cardinal has apparently
closed on East 4th Str...

Report: East Village Radio
aims for a spring retur...

Matty's now serving eviction
papers on Avenue B

That time there was a winter
storm warning on Marc...

A magical fundraiser for The
Earth School

Keep smiling

Hey, the Funkiberry closed on
3rd Avenue

205 Avenue A's 6-bedroom
unit with rooftop deck is...

The Pyramid Club reopens
tonight

You may now watch the
documentary about former
Eas...

Celebrating \$pread magazine
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Maybe this is the oldest
footage of New York City ...

Report: Family of man killed
by tire swing in Tomp...

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Village, part 1

Hop Devil Grill/The Belgian
Room closed now on Mon...

Burkina (aka Got it 4 cheap™)
closes on First Aven...

Empellón al Pastor wants to
add sidewalk seating o...

[Updated] Pardon My French
opens Monday on Avenue
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The Post helping sell the
landmark 190 Bowery for ...

Checking in on the line this
afternoon for Nationa...

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Former funeral home on 2nd
Avenue begins afterlife...

The East Luxe is 70% rented;
Petco confirmed for r...

Proto's Pizza has closed on
2nd Avenue

Taqueria St. Mark's set to
open Thursday

Looking for a Serious Decent
Character

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Survey: East Village residents
are spending 56% of...

DumplingGo is a go on 2nd
Avenue

Juice Press on East 10th
Street (the one near Aven...

Former space housing 1st bar
for pregnant women re...

The Night Owl opens for night
owls and probably ot...

[Updated] To date, March
seeming a lot like Febru...

Checking in on the Tompkins
Square Park igloo quin...

Week in Grievew

Reward for Sugar is now
\$10,000, thanks to NBA
all...

Reader report: Man dies after
fall from East 5th S...

Cafe life

Hey, it's the first sunrise of
March

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Updated] There is a woman who has been walking around the East Village topless

FW 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...



Updated] Female diner decides to go topless last night at Verso

A story from the heatwave. At Verso last night, two diners entered the Italian bistro on Avenue C and East Eighth Street ... the female ...



Updated] RIP Maggie Estep

Photo from October 2013 by Marissa Molnar via Facebook] Word is spreading that Maggie Estep , the writer-poet-performance artist and a...



A Google Glass Feast

Here's a story coming from Feast , the one-plus-year-old restaurant on Third Avenue near East 13th Street. Feast has enjoyed positiv...



Noted

A scene from yesterday morning over on East Sixth Street, where David Schwimmer is apparently moving into a newly created

mansion ... some...



Exclusive: East Village Radio is signing off after 11 years; final day of broadcasting is May 23

mage via] East Village Radio , the 11-year-old Internet radio station with a tiny storefront studio on First Avenue, is shutting down...



Yaffa Cafe is officially gone; back garden dismantled

EV G file photo] Turns out Yaffa Cafe at 97 St. Mark's Place will not be reopening after all. They tweeted the news out last even...



Outrage over total demolition of historic East Sixth Street townhouse

few weeks ago, we pointed out the ongoing demolition at 331 E. Sixth St. , described in a real-estate listing this way: "this home w...



RIP LES Jewels

[Photo from 2011 by Bob Arihood] Word is circulating in Tompkins

Square Park today that LES Jewels, a familiar figure in the neighborho...



These are apparently the participating bars in SantaCon 2014

SantaCon organizers plan to release this year's pub crawl route this evening. Ahead of that, a curious East Village resident downloa...

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