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Jeremiah over at Vanishing New York sure struck a chord when [he broke news last week](#) that **Caffe Vivaldi** is vanishing from the map. The thirty-year-old Greenwich Village institution on Jones Street is being forced out thanks to an exorbitant rent hike by greedy slumlord Steve Croman. It turns out, Croman, listed by the [Village Voice](#) in 2008 as one of the ten worst landlords in the city, has [already kicked out Strider Records](#) and reportedly leveling a three-fold monthly increase for the coffee shop. Grassroots outcry ensued with supporters mobilizing to create a [small-time petition](#) against a Goliath of an adversary.



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