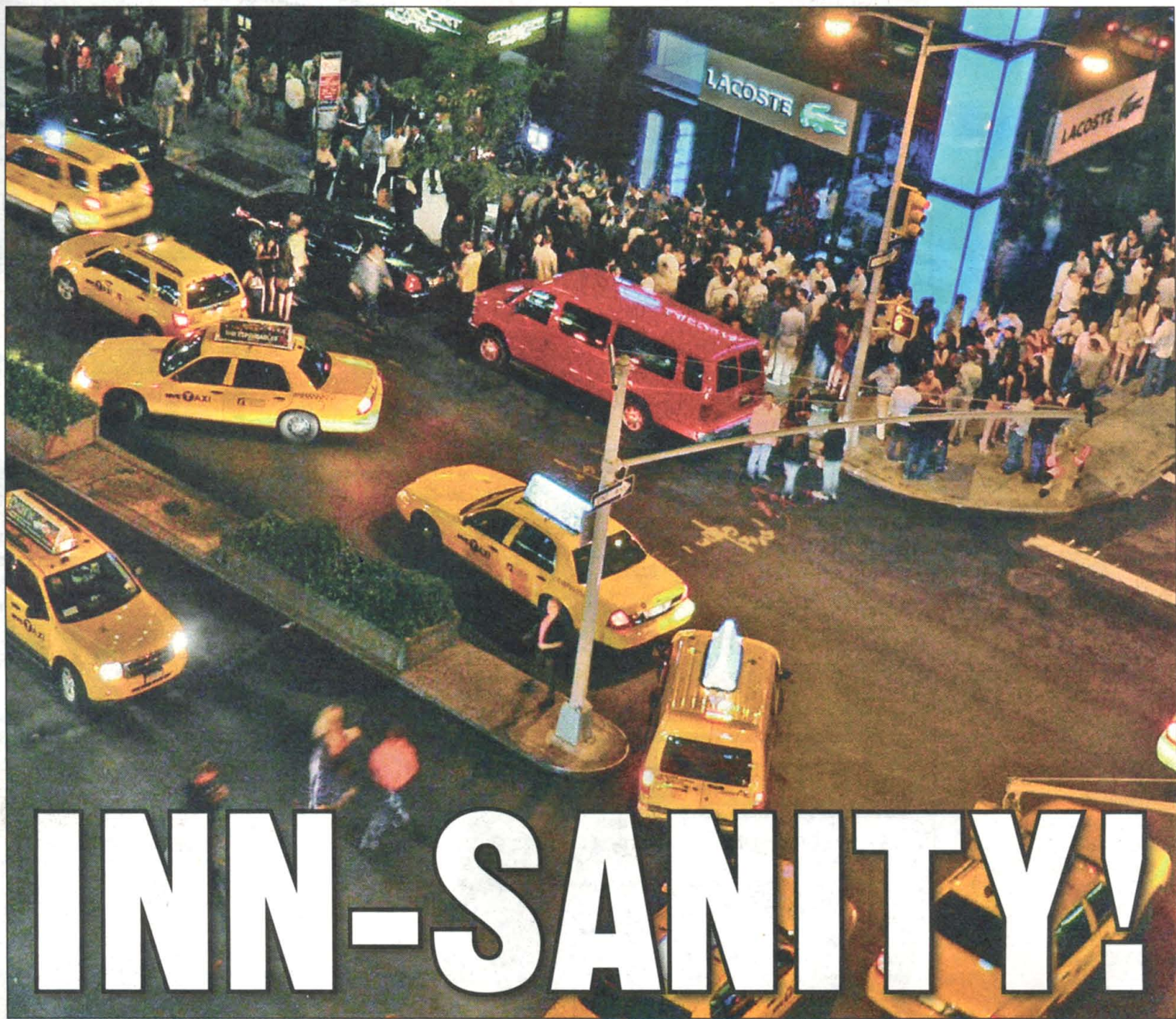


Neighbors 'bill' noisy hotel for lost sleep



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BUMP IN THE NIGHT: Cabs tie up traffic as scenesters swarm the Gansevoort Park Avenue for one of its late Friday bashes that go into the wee hours.

EXCLUSIVE

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They want G's for their lost Z's! Sleep-deprived neighbors of the swanky Gansevoort Park Avenue hotel in Murray Hill are so fed up with its noisy late-night parties that they're billing management for hours spent lying awake.

Six residents on Park Avenue South sent official-looking invoices to the hotel, each charging \$1,000 an hour for lost sleep. They claim drunken revelers, idling limos and honking cabs keep them tossing and turning until 4 a.m.

"It's a circus. The situation is absolutely unbearable," said Mario Messina, an ad exec who based the figure on his professional rate.

The mock bills — which add up to \$21,350 for April 14 alone — are meant to send a message to the hotel that it's disrespecting neighbors, the residents said.

"They give great lip service, but the only thing they pay attention to is their wallets," Messina said.

The invoices feature spreadsheet columns for "hours, rate and amount owed," noting the number of hours residents are kept awake while the hotel hosts its Gansevoort Rooftop Saturdays parties.

Although only a small group of neighbors on Park Avenue South and East 29th Street sent invoices, more than 50 people have joined the 29th Street Neighborhood Association in large part because of grievances against the hotel.

The group has begged community-board members, police and the hotel to tone down the bashes,

but the parties have only gotten more wild as traffic outside gets more clogged, the residents said.

"They keep saying they'll fix it," Messina said.

Police in the local 13th Precinct helped restrict parking in front of the hotel to alleviate traffic congestion and noise. But VIP limos and Town Cars frequently ignore them, blocking all lanes of traffic outside the hotel, where cabs and a construction crew hog the rest of the street, neighbors said.

"They shouldn't be doing that," one cop admitted to neighbors at a recent community meeting.

On a recent Friday night, a Post reporter spotted two rows of taxis parked outside the hotel blocking all lanes of traffic and prompting other drivers to honk furiously.

Drunken partygoers spilled onto the sidewalk, as did the thumping

music. Asked about the noise, one reveler scoffed, "You realize it's Friday night."

Last summer, The Post reported that hundreds of scenesters were jamming the hotel's weekly Summer Series parties, packing its rooftop over capacity and frustrating neighbors, who were forced to listen to thudding techno all day.

Messina and others said they are fed up with management blowing them off for more than two years. They aren't counting on the hotel to pay up. They just want management to pay attention.

"We've had meetings . . . Maybe for two weeks, it improves. Then they're having these crazy parties again," he said.

Hotel reps did not respond to calls and e-mails for comment.

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