

Wagner to head Ed Board

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The Board of Education elected Robert F. Wagner Jr. its president yesterday at a spirited meeting marked by displays of independence by some new members of the board.

Wagner said that among his priorities were cutting the dropout rate and a review of the city's 17-year-old decentralized school system, including holding local districts more accountable for school performance.

Wagner, Mayor Koch's choice for the presidency, was elected by a vote of 6 to 0, with one member abstaining—Gwendolyn Baker, Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins' new appointee.

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Irene Impellizzeri, Brooklyn's board member since 1980, unanimously was elected vice president.

Baker, who had considered running for the board presidency, said she abstained from the Wagner vote because she had not been a member "long enough to see anyone on this board function."

She voted for Impellizzeri, she said, because "the No. 2 slot is not really as crucial" as the presidency.

Wagner, 42, a former Koch deputy mayor, succeeds James Regan of Staten Island as president. Wagner was Koch's choice for schools chancellor in 1983, but that appointment was thwarted when State Education Commissioner Gordon Ambach rejected his credentials.

When Koch appointed Wagner as a Board of Education member in January, he made it clear he wanted him to become president.

Wagner, who has a Harvard B.A., a Princeton M.A. and has taught at Ivy League schools, said he viewed the board as a policy-making body, and the chancellor as accountable for day-to-day operations.

The community school boards also should be accountable for school performance, he said, and be subject to suspension by the central board if they fail.

In calling for a review of decentralization, Wagner said it has fostered innovation, but has resulted in lack of leadership in some areas.

Sex ed, says Ed

Firemen ordered to learn how to treat a lady

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Mayor Koch yesterday ordered the city's male firefighters to attend how-to-treat-a-lady school to learn the p's and q's of dealing with their distaff counterparts.

Koch and Fire Commissioner Joseph Spinnato announced a five-point plan designed to end the Fire Department's long-running battle of the sexes:

■ All firefighters will be required to attend a five-hour sexual-sensitivity class at the Fire Academy.

■ Production will begin within two weeks on an instructional videotape concerning treatment of female firefighters. It will be mandatory viewing.

■ All deputy chiefs will be called to Spinnato's office for a briefing on their responsibility to prevent sexual harassment in the firehouses. Other command of-

ficers will be briefed similarly.

■ A consulting firm that specializes in harassment prevention will be hired.

■ An advisory committee has been formed to deal with reports of harassment. Its members include six female and three male firefighters.

Rampant harassment

The 30 women assigned to firehouses say harassment has been rampant since 1982, when the first women were hired.

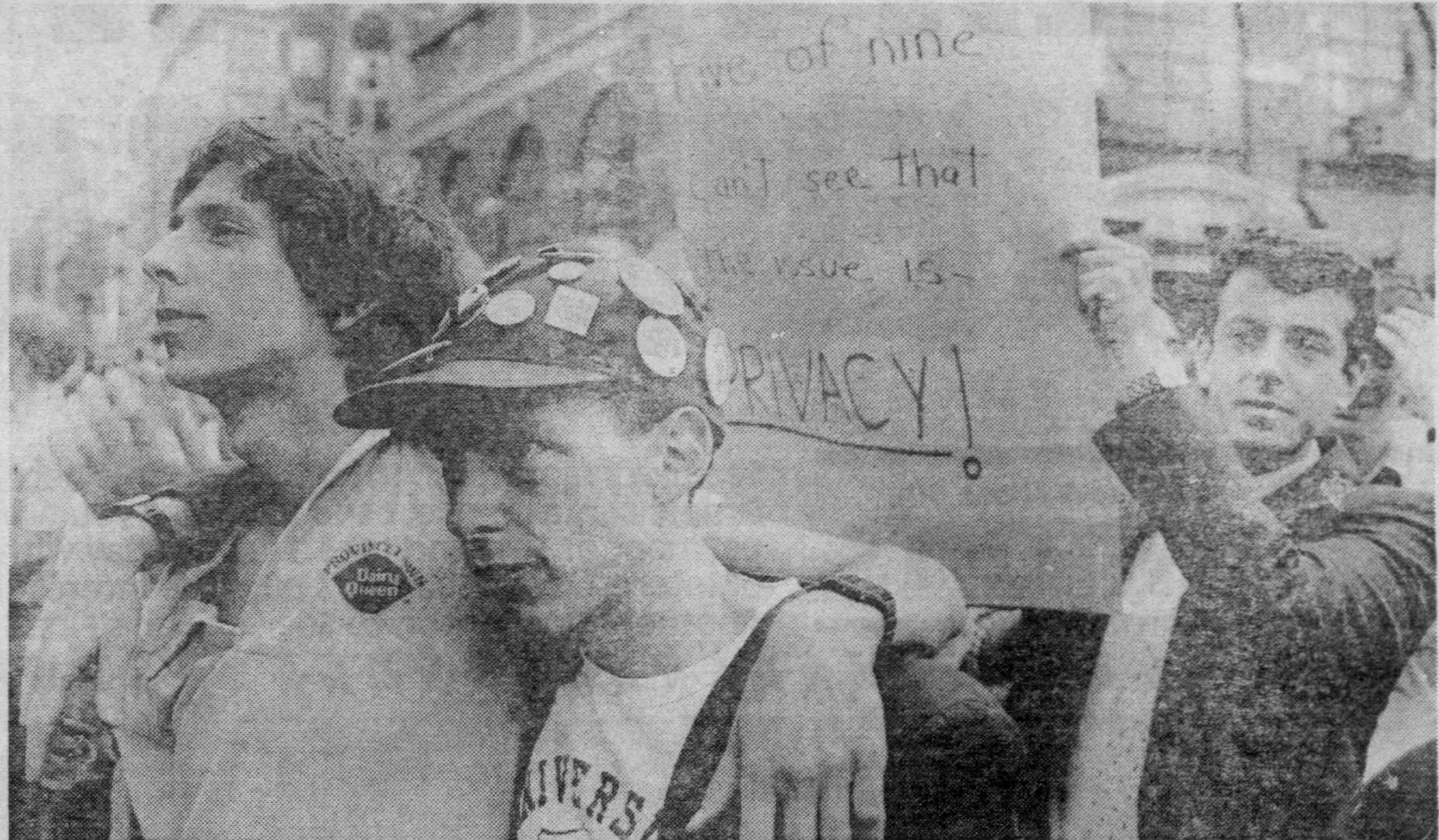
On June 8, a woman fire-

fighter was cut during a scuffle with a male firefighter at a Brooklyn firehouse. The same week, a federal magistrate determined a female firefighter in Queens had been subjected to lewd name-calling, practical jokes and other harassment.

Spinnato said firemen who continue to act boorishly will be dealt with severely.

"Any individual found participating in sexual harassment will be severely disciplined and possibly separated from the Fire Department," he said.

A dissenting view



SHERIDAN SQUARE draws crowd of about 2,000 gays, lesbians and their supporters to protest Monday's Supreme Court ruling that upholds Georgia law against sodomy. The

rally stalled traffic in all directions. The crowd began to disperse by late evening but leaders promised that they would come out to rally again.

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Mob film mogul 'Behind Bars'

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Hollywood-style mob mogul Michael Franzese, who agreed to pay back \$14.75 million he stole, was tossed in jail yesterday as a deadbeat who hadn't paid the \$24,472 cost of the guards assigned to watch him last month.

Brooklyn Federal Judge Eugene Nickerson ordered Franzese behind bars only hours after he had given the 34-year-old movie-producing mobster six more weeks of relative freedom at a Los Angeles halfway house.

Franzese, a reputed capo in the Colombo crime family, has produced four movies, including "Knights of the City," a film about youth-gang warfare that was produced earlier this year. Under an unusual plea bargain with the Brooklyn Organized Crime Strike Force, Franzese had been allowed to stay at a halfway house since March so he could raise enough cash to pay off his agreed-upon fines and restitution.

In the morning, Nickerson sentenced Franzese to 10 years on racketeering and conspiracy charges and allowed him to remain at large under escort for six

more weeks so he could scrape up the \$14.7 million he had agreed to pay.

But shortly after noon, Nickerson reversed himself after prosecutor Jerry Bernstein returned to court and called Franzese—the son of reputed Colombo capo John (Sonny) Franzese—a "flim-flam man" who gave bum checks to marshals and owed \$24,472 for the cost of guarding him from June 2 to last Wednesday.

Franzese's lawyer, John Jacobs, said it was all a big misunderstanding and that a separate check had been delivered.

Bernstein countered that the check had never arrived, and argued it was that kind of financial finagling that got Franzese indicted in the first place.

When Jacobs said he had arranged to square things with the marshals, Judge Nickerson left the bench to make a quick call to Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Sam Chiccino in Los Angeles.

A few minutes later, Nickerson returned, reported that the "agreement has not been lived up to," and revoked bail for Franzese, who was taken in handcuffs to the Metropolitan Correctional Center.