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New documentary takes a look at hizzoner.

Opening in April at selected theaters across the country is a documentary that has Philadelphia buzzing-Amateur Night at City Hall: The Story of Frank Rizzo. Directed by Robert Mugge and produced by Heidi Trombert, the movie charts Rizzo's rise from a cop on the beat to mayor of the nation's fourth largest city. "Rizzo has done a lot of controversial things," says Trombert. "We didn't avoid dealing with those things." Those include some legendary Rizzo-isms, like the remark "People who shoot cops should be strung up the next day-after that fair trial, by the way," and his comment outside Philadelphia's Black Panther headquarters after a police raid, "We let idiots like this survive under our form government—maybe we'll have to change it." Rizzo did not cooperate with the film-makers, and as yet, has offered no comment on the movie.