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## City's Penny Philanthropist Is Angel To Many

This city is graced with many philanthropists. Names like Annenberg, Lenfast, Perelman and Kimmel have hit the headlines time and again for the hundreds of millions of dollars they've contributed to the world of arts and culture in this city.

On a level, not often noticed by the press or television news cameras, operates another Philadelphia philanthropist, who has been nicknamed the "Penny Philanthropist." That's because

his contributions aren't in the millions, but in the thousands. Another difference is he's given out thousands of dollars so many times that they've gone into the millions.

He's considered an angel and to many he looks like an ever-smiling Santa Claus. The sled carrying his money gifts is the Kal and Lucille Rudman Foundation, which he started in 1993.

There are thousands of Philadelphians who have been



....Always working

touched beneficially by the Rudman Foundation. Kal's contributions are spread everywhere, aimed "at making a difference in an individual's life." That's why many of his grants are in the form of scholarships. Hundreds of Police and firefighters have been able to better their skills through such scholarships to local colleges.

Continuing in the realm of public safety, Kal has been a vital force behind the very suc-

cessful Tip Line run by the Citizens Crime Commission of Delaware Valley, headed by John Apeldorn.

Rudman has contributed thousands of dollars to insure many cases remain high profile. Apeldorn related, "Many cases would simply drop off the radar screen if it were not for the fact Kal Rudman would come up with a high reward pledge, bringing the crime incident back (Cont. on Page 10)



GOVERNOR ED RENDELL paid tribute to our Veterans at Washington Square on Veterans Day. He joined Councilman Rick Mariano and Retired Commander Thomas Reilly in laying wreaths at Tomb of Unknown Soldier.

## PHA Pushes Tipline

There's no doubt crime is down in public housing.

That's why PHA Executive Director Carl Greene this week lauded his Public Housing Police for helping decrease major crime at Authority sites by over 28 percent in the last two years.

Now he has gone one step further. He's enrolling PHA and asking all its tenants to join him in using the Citizens Crime Commission Hot Line to report any crimes or acts of vandalism they see taking place.

"We've got a new multi billion dollar (Cont. on Page 4)

## City GOP Back Brown for 13th

Republican congressional candidate Melissa Brown received the unanimous endorsement of the Philadelphia Republican City Committee.

That endorsement makes her the (Cont. on Page 5)

## Supreme Court to Street, Perzel: 'It's Time to Settle Differences!'

by Joe Shaheeli

The State Supreme Court may have unwittingly turned itself into a pact maker by ruling the State Legislature improperly gave control of the Convention Center to a Republican dominated board.

It could well spell the beginning of a rapprochement between the city and the Republican-controlled Convention Center and Parking Authorities.

Striking down the legislation also invalidated provisions which transferred from the PUC to the Philadelphia Parking Authority control of this city's taxi cabs and car services.

Its decision upheld the contention of Mayor John F. Street the Center take over by the Legislature violated the constitution's single subject requirement for legislation. They had expanded PPA Authority and (Cont. on Page 7)

## Will Mayor, Council O.K. Tax Reform Proposals?

It's what an overwhelming majority of voters said they wanted. So the Tax Reform Commission voted for what they wanted and that was no easy task.

It took 10,000 hours to put together their long awaited report on how to give Philadelphians a better and fairer tax structure.

It also required the input of a force made up of volunteers, government officials, consultants, and staff members. They, in turn, distilled the testimony of over 30 experts on municipal funding, testimony from scores of concerned citizens and owners of medium sized neighborhood businesses as well as major industry.

Now the Philadelphia Tax Reform

Commission has it all together. It will present its report to the city's officials at the Academy of Music Ballroom, next Tuesday from 10am to noon.

According to Edward A. Schwartz, former councilman and head of the (Cont. on Page 2)

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