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BERGEN COUNTY BRIEFS

Dentists aid kids in shelter

ENGLEWOOD — Four Fort Lee dentists will provide preventive dental care today along with Christmas cheer for the 24 children living in an Englewood homeless shelter.

Elaine Otsuka, Kellyann Metz, Casey Ahamad and Phillip Kang of Parkside Dental Associates will offer their services to the children at the Fellowship House at St. Cecilia's Church in Englewood.

After the cleanings, the children will receive a visit from Santa (with thanks to the Fort Lee and Englewood fire departments), who will give the children gifts collected during a toy drive that dental assistant Darlene Gullod helped organize.

— Adrienne Lu

Unilever gifts for Iraq troops

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS — U.S. soldiers in Iraq got Christmas gifts and entertainment equipment from Unilever employees in New Jersey and Connecticut.

The Unilever workers and their friends have been raising money and supporting U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan

since April 2003.

The most recent donation included an 80-inch TV, a DVD player, an Xbox, a stereo, a keyboard and a printer for the 29th Brigade Combat Team stationed at Camp Anaconda in Iraq.

The soldiers had lost their former recreation facilities, which included a tent, gym, chapel and library, in a fire.

The ongoing volunteer effort is called the "Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon." To participate, e-mail Alan.Krutchkoff@Unilever.com.

— Carolyn Feibel

Saddle River trustee resigns

SADDLE RIVER — Mary Patricia "M.P." Azevedo Killian has resigned from the Board of Education.

The vacancy will be filled at the board's Feb. 23 meeting, said the board secretary, Fred D. Palumbo.

Candidates wishing to apply for the opening must provide a letter of application by Jan. 20.

The board policy committee will screen the applications and recommend candidates for interviews.

The appointment will be effective until the reorganization meeting following the April school election.

— Evonne Coutros