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News and Updates on the City of Brentwood

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Center Nurtures Startups, Jobs

Four years after it started amid the Dotcom implosion, the Brentwood Education Technology Center is thriving and continuing to create jobs and to let startup businesses remain in the City.

Started with the intent of helping startup high-tech businesses establish themselves in Brentwood, the Center quickly found itself catering to other startups as the high-tech boom faded, City officials say.

The Center began with the pullout of Lucky's from a 34,000 square-foot store site. Fears that the vacant store would be a magnet for crime and vandals, the City



Brentwood Education and Technology Center off Sand Creek Road.

— Photo by Dick McLeish

looked for a way to make it viable again.

The Dotcom industries were booming, and many startups were looking for space and a means to lower their costs while

working to become self-sustaining. So the City leased half the site to Los Medanos College and remade the other half into

(See **STARTUPS**, Page 4)

Outdoor Adventures for Families in 2006

The City's Parks and Recreation Department in 2006 is offering families and individuals guided outdoor adventures ranging from bike tours along Marsh Creek to camping, hiking and skiing trips to the Sierra Nevada.

The adventures in the department's

See Pages 2-3 of Activities Guide for Environmental Recreation Signups

Environmental Recreation program are an answer to frequent requests from families responding to a survey of hundreds of

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Gas Cards, Rides to Lure Commuters

Brentwood commuters frustrated with gasoline prices can ride mass transit free for about a week or, if they prefer carpooling, earn themselves a gas card worth \$60.

The incentives are offered by 511 Contra Costa, a countywide program whose goals are to ease congestion on the roadways and to reduce air pollution.

For first-time mass transit users, the program provides several options:

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Safety Reminders for the Holiday Season

The Brentwood Police Department is reminding City residents to exercise extra precaution this holiday season to keep themselves and their belongings safe.

Top recommendation on the Department's list is if you're attending holiday parties where alcoholic beverages are served, select someone to be a designated

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