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Earthquakes shake north Texans

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Farmers Branch, Euless, Irving, Coppell and Grand Prairie - they all felt the rumbling Saturday night.

A 3.4 magnitude earthquake hit North Texas - -just four minutes later there was a 3.1 magnitude aftershock.

SMU seismologist Brian Stump says we can expect aftershocks in the next couple of days.

The epicenter is located near the corner of New Haven Street and West Rochelle road in Irving. The neighbors on new haven street compared notes about the Saturday night quake.

Leslie Cordero says she noticed the kitchen table shaking and the couch moving when she ran outside.

Residents say a dead tree fell to the ground and a decorative fountain came crashing down during the tremor.

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Restaurants are filling gaps left by construction

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New restaurants are sprouting from the ruined foundations of businesses displaced by the North Tarrant Express.

City managers of Hurst, Euless and Bedford -- speaking at a State of the Cities breakfast Thursday -- commiserated about the problems brought on as the \$2.5 billion project's right of way cut a swath through their towns. But they also crowed about the development opportunities it's leaving in its wake.

In Bedford, for instance, development is and will continue to happen that hasn't been possible for 30 years, said City Manager Beverley Griffith.

The area in Bedford where Central Drive passes under Airport Freeway is drawing the most interest because it's the most visible, Griffith told those gathered at the Lone Star Conference Center in Euless.

Griffith said plans are being reviewed for a new Applebee's at the shopping center at Central and that a Chili's restaurant is being considered at the site of a former Bennigan's.

"Preliminary discussions also have the existing Movie Tavern moving into the former 60,000-square-foot grocery store space," Griffith said. "This would essentially double the size of the Movie Tavern."

She said that a Burger King is planned for the southeast corner where Bedford Road runs under Texas 121/183.

An Old West Cafe and Danny's Celtic Pub have popped up on Harwood Drive near Central, and Twisted Root Burger Co. should be open there by February, Griffith said.

In-N-Out Burger made a big splash in Hurst when it opened just off Precinct Line Road at Airport Freeway, and, based on observed drive-through traffic, City Manager Allan Weegar was willing to wager that it's outperforming virtually all other restaurants in the city.

Other restaurants that Weegar said opened this year in Hurst include Jimmy John's on Grapevine Highway, Del Taco on Harwood, Zorro's Buffet near North East Mall, Wittens Grill and Sports Pub on Pipeline Road and Red Panda Wok and Grill off Precinct Line in the Panera building.

On the horizon are Mexican Inn (the one that Bedford lost) and Golden Chick, which will locate on the frontage road next to In-N-Out, Weegar said.

He also said that Pei Wei, Potbelly and Starbucks are going in on Precinct Line and that Outback Steakhouse is moving across the street and building where the old Albertson's used to be.

Euless has only a brief portion of the 13.5-mile project that's rebuilding main lanes and frontage roads and adding toll lanes from Interstate 35W to Industrial Boulevard. But City Manager Gary McKamie said that increased traffic on Texas 10 -- with people trying to avoid the construction slowdowns -- has generated new interest in the road that used to be Texas 183.

Fuzzy's Taco opened in November 2010, Taco Cabana in September 2011 and Taco Casa in June 2012, McKamie said.

"We are very excited about the renewed interest in the Highway 10 corridor," he said. "This area through Hurst and Euless offers great opportunity for future investment. The increased traffic from those using Highway 10 as an alternative to Airport Freeway during the construction period will enhance the viability of the area and hopefully bring renewed interest from potential business investors."

This report includes material from the Star-Telegram archives.

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37-year-old Euless man accepts 50-year sentence for fatally injuring infant

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FORT WORTH -- A Euless man was sentenced Wednesday to 50 years in prison for inflicting the head injury that caused the death of his 5-month-old son last year, according to the Tarrant County district attorney's office.

Gregory Dewayne Williams, 37, pled guilty to recklessly causing serious bodily injury to Demetrie Reeves.

"Demetrie had a very short and a very sad life," prosecutor Alana Minton said in a news release. "From the time he was born, his father wasn't allowed to be around him without supervision -- and for good reason. The first time he was with him unsupervised, he broke Demetrie's arm. The next time, he killed him."

On Monday, a jury was seated to hear the case against Williams. He pled guilty, and the trial went directly to the punishment phase. On Tuesday, jurors heard evidence and were prepared to hear more on Wednesday when, before court started, Williams asked prosecutors for a plea bargain offer.

He accepted 50 years, and must serve 25 before he is eligible for parole, according to the news release.

The jury had heard evidence that on Nov. 29, 2011, Williams shook his sick son, or struck him with or against a hard object, causing the fatal injury.

They also heard evidence that when Demetrie was 6 weeks old, Williams fractured the infant's arm by lifting him out of his bed by one arm.

After that, state Child Protective Services prohibited Williams from having unsupervised contact with Demetrie or his 2-year-old brother. That order was still in effect when Demetrie was fatally injured, according to the news release.