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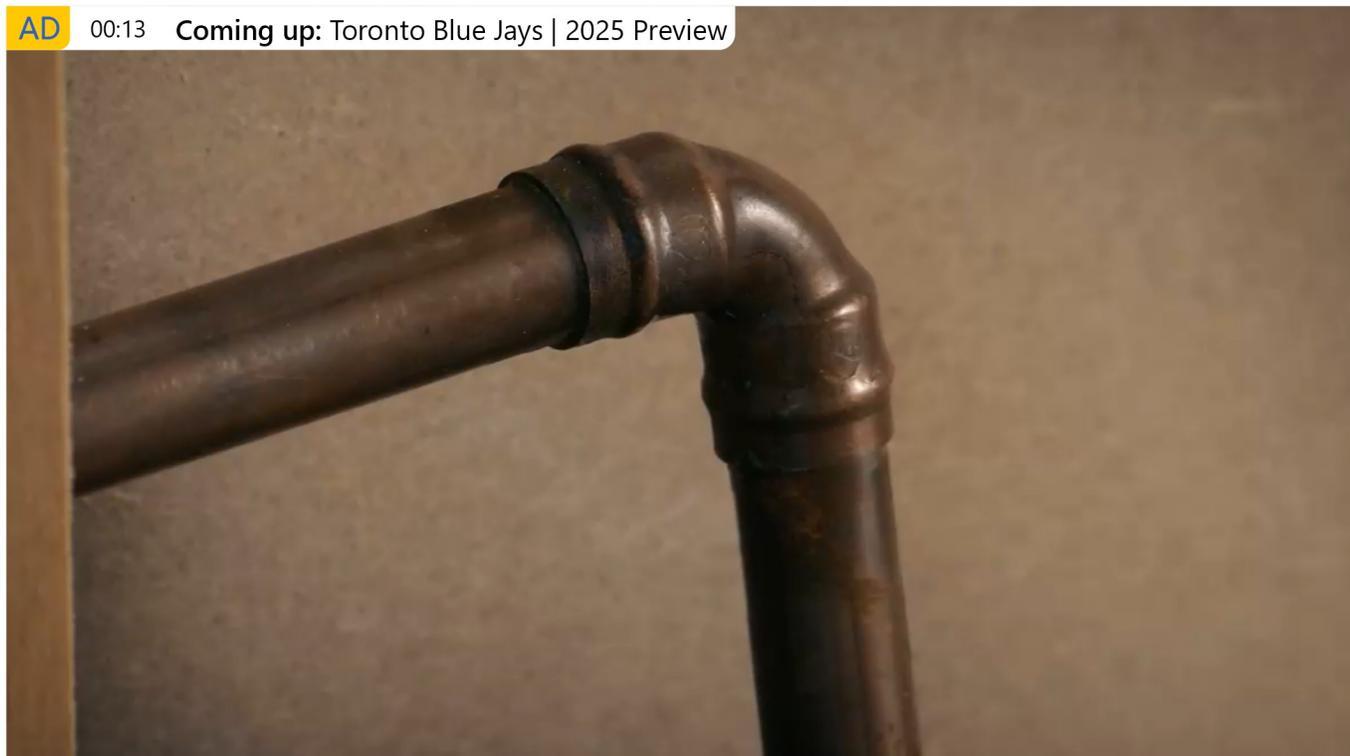
4.3 earthquake reported near Lake J.B. Thomas

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texnet reported a magnitude 4.3 earthquake at 4:22 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26,

located about 2.5 miles east of Lake J.B. Thomas and about 14 miles southwest of Snyder. The depth was about 23,400 feet below the surface.

The 4.3-magnitude temblor wasn't the only earthquake in the area. As of noon Monday, it was the first in a cluster of 13 quakes; the others ranged between magnitude 0.9 and 1.9, according to TexNet.

TexNet data show two small earthquakes were recorded Dec. 29 in this area.

Lake J.B. Thomas is operated by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, which, along with O.H. Ivie and E.V. Spence reservoirs, provides water to several West Texas municipalities, including Midland and Odessa.

It wasn't immediately clear if any infrastructure was impacted by the earthquakes.

TexNet is part of the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin and has been recording seismic data across the state since 2017.

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