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Building boom: City gets wave of new business

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A slew of new businesses from sushi restaurants to pet supply stores and even a hotel will open soon or have announced plans to build in Mansfield.

In Mansfield Town Center East, located at the southwest intersection of U.S. 287 and FM 157:

■ Petco, a pet supply store, and Michaels, an arts and crafts store, are scheduled to open in summer 2006. The stores will be built behind On the Border Mexican Grill and

Cantina along FM 157.

■ Cold Stone Creamery is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2006 in a site adjacent to the Cinemark 12.

■ Kumon, Texas Steakhouse and Sushi Bar is scheduled to open by the first quarter of 2006. The Hibachi and sushi restaurant will occupy a space next door to Cold Stone Creamery.

Can't wait for those stores to open? These businesses are scheduled to

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open their doors within the next week.

■ Best Buy is scheduled to open Friday at its new location east of the Cinemark.

■ Applebee's is scheduled to open Oct. 24 at its location west of On the Border Mexican Grill and Cantina.

Other planned restaurants range from Cajun-style chicken, to Asian, to seafood joints.

■ Popeye's Fried Chicken has announced plans to build a restaurant near Fire Mountain Grill along the southbound U.S. 287 service road.

■ Panda Express and Steak 'n Shake are building along U.S. 287, south of the Tar-

get Supercenter.

■ A&W Root Beer and Long John Silver's are scheduled to open inside the Citgo Service Station at the corner of FM 157 and Turner Warnell Road on Oct. 24.

A third hotel could be on the way as well.

A developer announced plans to build a three-story, 65-room hotel on a two-acre tract along the northbound U.S. 287 service road west of Schlotzsky's Deli on FM 157.

The developer, Hirarama Inc., is pursuing more than one hotel company for the spot, said Tony Patel.