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Twin Blends Northwest Louisiana History Hunters, Mark and Mike Mangham, right, give the Southwood High School History Club a tour of Texas Street in downtown Shreveport on Feb. 11. PHOTOS BY HENRIETTA WILDSMITH/SHREVEPORT TIMES

Students uncover city's past with photo tour

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More than a dozen Southwood High School students walked down Texas Street on a recent weekday with Mark and Mike Mangham of Northwest Louisiana History Hunters.

They stopped at designated spots where Mike Mangham would speak as Mark Mangham held up historic photos. "By showing historical images on our tour, we were able to generate excitement that you don't get from reading a book," said Mike Mangham.

Across from the courthouse, they saw the building where the old five-and-dime Woolworth's used to be. Mangham spoke to the students about how their mother used to work there

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The Southwood High School History Club walks past the Robinson Film Center during the Twin Blends Northwest Louisiana History Hunters downtown tour in downtown Shreveport, Feb. 11.

Trump extends National Guard deployment in New Orleans following Mardi Gras

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President Trump is extending the Louisiana National Guard's deployment in New Orleans, Gov. Jeff Landry announced March 2.

New Orleans Mayor Helena Moreno and the city's Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick said they welcome the presence of the Louisiana soldiers that provide more boots on the ground to enhance safety and deter crime in the state's signature city.

The mobilization will be extended by six months under Federal Title 32, which means the U.S. government will

pay for the deployment rather than the state.

Landry and Gen. Thomas Friloux remain in command of the soldiers even though it's a federal deployment.

"This continued deployment will help us combat violence in New Orleans and other parts of Louisiana," Landry said in a statement. "Since taking office, we've made real progress in reducing crime in Louisiana, but the job isn't over. Federal partnerships in our toughest cities have worked, and with President Trump and his cabinet's continued support, we'll continue saving lives, protecting families and restoring

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Louisiana National Guard troops patrol Canal Street in New Orleans on Jan. 12. GREG HILBURN/USA TODAY NETWORK

Local water main breaks

Repair period leads to schools going virtual

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The City of Shreveport provided an update on the water situation Monday morning.

Shreveport Mayor Tom Arceneaux said that the Shreveport Department of Water and Sewerage discovered the city-wide plant was losing water pressure late Saturday, Feb. 28.

Crews were immediately dispatched to the plant. Upon further investigation, contractors discovered that a 42-inch concrete main inside the plant had broken. This main had been installed in 1979.

"Why do we have these problems?" Arceneaux asked. "The water system is old."

He continued by stating this main feeds into a good part of the city, "That's why we're having such widespread reports of low pressure and no pressure," he said.

Shreveport Department of Water and Sewerage Interim Director Brandon Snead said, "What we are seeing basically is pressure is being diverted and is being robbed of some other areas."

According to the mayor, this water shortage is expected to last until Friday, March 6. Crews are working

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Johnson on Austin shooting: 'We are horrified'

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Speaker of the House Mike Johnson of Louisiana commented on the shooting in Austin that killed two and injured 14. The suspect was killed by police.

"We are horrified by the terror attack in Austin, Texas," Johnson said in a post on X. "Our hearts and prayers are with the victims and their families."

"America will not be intimidated or terrorized. We will defend our homeland."

The shooting, which occurred at a bar in Austin early Sunday, March 1, is being investigated by the FBI as a "potential" act of terrorism.

Austin Police said that two people

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