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Tulane experts address spanking kids, emotional burnout and other news

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Video transcript:

A Tulane trauma expert talks compassion fatigue and a new survey by researchers here shows most pediatricians say “no” to spanking. Those are two stories making national headlines in this Tulane News in Review.

Charles Figley, founder of the Tulane Traumatology Institute, talked with Marie Claire about how to fight numbness and emotional burnout when it seems like there’s nothing but bad news.

Two-time National Book Award winner and Tulane professor of English Jesmyn Ward continues to earn praise for her commencement speech. Forbes and Business Insider both included Ward in their lists of the best advice given by this year’s speakers.

The Associated Press reported on the Cowen Institute’s new campaign to increase the number of New Orleans public school students who complete federal financial aid applications. AP affiliates around the country shared the story.

Science Magazine studied the ritual of human sacrifice in the ancient Aztec city of Tenochtitlan. Tulane professor of anthropology John Verano told the magazine what the discovery of hundreds of skulls tells researchers about the once-powerful empire. FOX News and the New York Post also covered the story.

Tulane’s Cathy Taylor, an associate professor of global community health and behavioral sciences, led a research team that surveyed pediatricians around the country. The researchers found three out of four children’s doctors don’t think spanking is an effective form of discipline and could do more harm than good. WebMD, U.S. News & World Report, HealthDay and more covered the story.

Finally ... after 27 seasons and nearly 4,000 episodes, “The Jerry Springer Show” could be coming to an end. The Washington Post profiled the Tulane alum and his unusual career.

To borrow Springer’s signature sign-off – ’til next time, take care of yourselves and each other. That’s all for Tulane News in Review.