

## **Tulane experts chime in on Mardi Gras cleanup and a major Mayan discovery**

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Transcript:

Tulane researchers talk about problems with all those Mardi Gras beads, and two Tulane archaeologists make a major Mayan discovery. That's all part of News in Review.

Carnival season is over, but thousands of beads are still hanging around New Orleans. Tulane pharmacologist Howard Mielke talked to [Newsweek](#) and [U.S. News & World Report](#) about how kids can be exposed to lead from the beads. And Chris Dalbom, program manager for the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy, told [Seeker](#) about the city's effort to clear catch basins of trash, including all those discarded Mardi Gras throws.

[The Cut](#) interviewed director of Tulane's Traumatology Institute, Charles Figley, about why we become desensitized to mass shootings.

Tulane geographer Richard Campanella had an article in [The Atlantic](#) about how humans sank New Orleans. He also talked to [The Economist](#) about the history of Bourbon Street.

The Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine received two national mentions. [U.S. News & World Report](#) talked to Tulane physician Tim Harlan about the programs offered there and [NPR](#) featured the center in a story shared by affiliates around the country.

Dr. Marc Kahn of the Tulane School of Medicine co-authored a study that found medical students who make time for art are more empathetic and less likely to burnout. [Science Daily](#), [Artsy](#), [IFL Science](#) and [Pacific Standard](#) all talked to Dr. Kahn about his research.

Tulane's Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy director Reggie Ferreira appeared live on [CNN](#) to talk about the water crisis in Cape Town.

The [Thomas Reuters Foundation](#) also interviewed Ferreira about the crisis in South Africa.

And Tulane archaeologists Marcello Canuto and Francisco Estrada-Belli recently helped uncover an ancient Mayan megalopolis in Guatemala. [National Geographic](#) broke the story, and our experts were quoted by the [New York Times](#), [PBS](#), [TIME Magazine](#), [Reuters](#), [Newsweek](#) and many more.

That's all for Tulane News in Review. See you next time!