

# Neurosurgery News

WSU Neurosurgery's Practice Newsletter

April 2012: National Donate Life Month

The Neurosurgery News is looking for stories about our team members for upcoming issues.

This means you! If you have a unique talent or participate in something unique or different, let us know. We will be sure to feature you soon!

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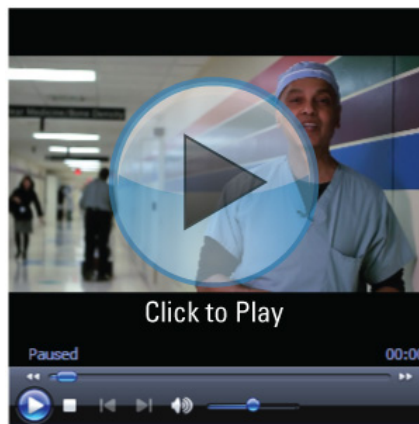
*A familiar face helps out with the announcement.*

As you all likely know by now, there are many improvements happening to the DMC and the various hospitals that make it up. A new Heart Hospital, a specialty building for CHM, and a new ER for Sinai-Grace are only a few of the proposed projects.

One of the projects that will have a big impact on our department is the \$30 million renovations scheduled for the surgical suites at Harper Hospital. These improvements will bring state-of-the-art and ground breaking technology for both physician and patient. Monitors with unencumbered navigation and movement capabilities are only one of the many planned upgrades.

To document these changes, the DMC created a couple of videos documenting the impact and breadth of these changes. To help out with this, our own Dr. Guthikonda was enlisted to play a starring role. To see Dr. Guthikonda in these two videos and read about these changes, either click on the image below, or head to:

<http://www.dmc.org/?id=1532&sid=1>



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## Gary Rajah Jr. Selected as Next Department Resident

*WSU Medical Student Stays in Detroit*

March 16, 2012. Just another Friday for most. But not for all, as this Friday was also Match Day. A big day for many senior medical students around the nation, and here at Wayne State, things were no different. 289 students of the WSU School of Medicine were waiting on that day; waiting to find out where their life would be heading, as they took the next step in their educational and professional careers.

Match Day is also a big day for our department, because it is on this day the newest addition to our department is revealed. This year, Gary Rajah Jr. matched with our department, and became the 70th resident in the history of the neurosurgical training program here at Wayne State and the Detroit Medical Center.



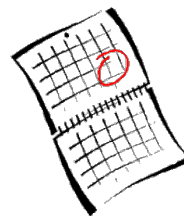
Gary hails from the west side of the state, where he attended Grand Valley State University for his undergraduate education. After earning a degree in biomedical sciences, Gary travelled to the east side of the state to study at the Wayne State School of Medicine.

While at Wayne State, Gary has been involved in numerous programs and organizations. One of these is...the Department of Neurosurgery. Gary has actually been attending our grand rounds presentations during his time in medical school. He has also been present Gurdjian-Thomas lectures and our Neuro-Oncology Update held in 2010.

Gary is very active within the community as well. He has started a free clinic service and a free glucose test strip program in the City of Detroit. In his spare time, Gary enjoys running, playing the trumpet and saxophone, and attending the Detroit Symphony. Make sure to welcome him to our department the next time you see him around!

### Upcoming Department Dates of Note

A few dates on the horizon of importance that you should all be aware of:



**05.16.2012:** Spine Grand Rounds

**06.20.12:** L. Murray Thomas Visiting Professor Lecture: Dr. Midori Yenari

**06.23.12:** Annual Department Resident Graduate Picnic honoring Mark Hoeprich, MD, MPP

**More information on all of these events soon!**

## Brain Food for the Month

*Average Income Tax Rates of Selected Countries Around the World (2010)*

*All figures shown are the average tax rate for a single person with no children.*

**Countries Listed from Lowest to Highest Rates**

Cayman Islands: 0% of income

Mexico: 5.6% of income

Korea: 11.9% of income

Switzerland: 16.0% of income

New Zealand: 16.9% of income

Japan: 20.8% of income

Australia: 21.6% of income

Spain: 21.6% of income

Ireland: 21.8% of income

Canada: 22.2% of income

United States: 22.9% of income

Sweden: 24.7% of income

United Kingdom: 25.5% of income

Italy: 29.8% of income

Hungary: 31.2% of income

Denmark: 38.6% of income

Germany: 39.2% of income

Belgium: 42.1% of income

## Did You Know?

Each April, the US Department of Health and Human Services presents **National Donate Life Month**. Donors of organs, tissue, marrow, and blood are celebrated for their generosity, and others are encouraged to follow their lead.

By becoming an organ donor, you may save up to 8 lives. In 2011, over 28,000 organ transplants occurred because of donors. 1,000,000 other individuals were assisted through tissue donation.

If you are interested in finding out more about organ and tissue donation, or how you can possibly become a donor, click on the link below:

## [Becoming a Donor](#)

## Upcoming Dates of Interest:

04.06.12	Good Friday
04.07.12	Passover
04.08.12	Easter
04.22.12	Earth Day
04.25.12	Administrative Professionals Day
05.01.12	May Day / Law Day / Loyalty Day
05.05.12	Cinco de Mayo
05.08.12	National Teachers Day
05.12.12	Nurses Day
05.13.12	Mother's Day
05.19.12	Armed Forces Day
05.21.12	Victoria Day
05.22.12	National Maritime Day
05.27.12	Shavou'ot / Pentecost
05.28.12	Memorial Day

## What's on Your Mind?

Who are the movie buffs in the Department, exactly?

Another newsletter has come and gone, and the winners of the newsletter contest are again **Jennifer Lowing** and **Laura Susick** of the Conti research lab. The undisputed champions of trivia in the Neurosurgery department, this dynamic duo correctly listed all the correct titles and dates for the movies in last month's contest. The correct answers were:

1. *Departed with the Air Currents:* **Gone With the Wind (1939)**
2. *Mammoth:* **Titanic (1997)**
3. *The Best Performance on The Third Planet From the Sun:* **The Greatest Show on Earth (1952)**
4. *Bewitching Hour Vaquero:* **Midnight Cowboy (1969)**
5. *Pulchritudinous Damsel that Belongs To Me:* **My Fair Lady (1964)**
6. *A Chap for Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall:* **A Man for All Seasons (1966)**
7. *Absolutely Not a Nation for Senior Citizen-Aged Males:* **No Country for Old Men (2007)**
8. *Cavorts with Canis Lupus:* **Dances with Wolves (1990)**
9. *The Patron:* **The Godfather (1972)**
10. *Non-findable Saturday and Sunday:* **Lost Weekend (1945)**
11. *Monikers of Propensity:* **Terms of Endearment (1983)**
12. *The Rented Living Space:* **The Apartment (1960)**
13. *Bang:* **Crash (2005)**
14. *Squadron:* **Platoon (1986)**
15. *Conveyances of Pyre:* **Chariots of Fire (1981)**
16. *Proper Male's Bargain:* **Gentleman's Agreement (1947)**
17. *What Was the Amount of Malachite In My Swale?:* **How Green Was My Valley? (1941)**
18. *The Sonancy of Harmonized Sounds:* **The Sound of Music (1965)**
19. *Craggy:* **Rocky (1976)**
20. *The Male Monarch's Oratory:* **The King's Speech (2010)**



For their efforts, Jennifer and Laura won Meijer gift cards.  
Perhaps you can win the prize for this month's contest on Page 4!

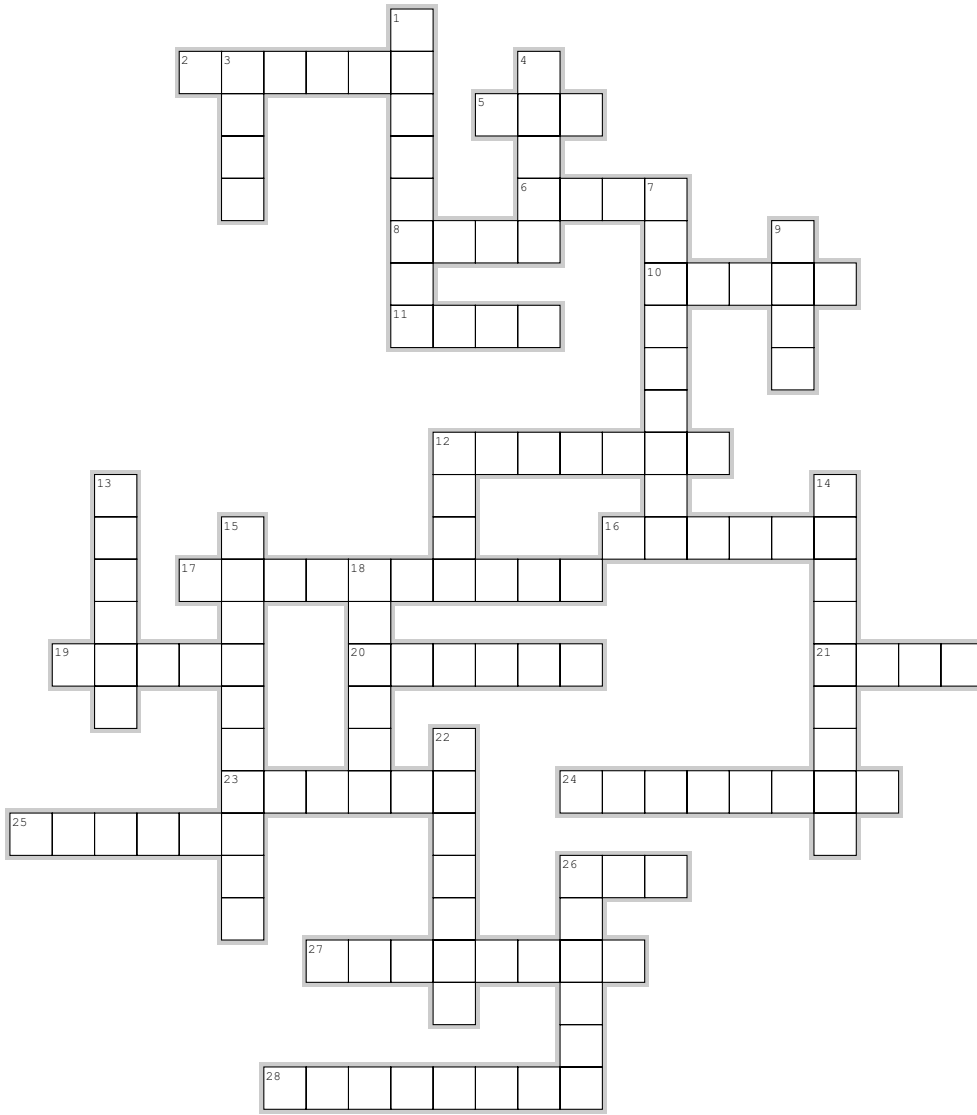
Have you become a fan of the Department's Facebook page yet? If not, do so here:  
<http://www.facebook.com/wsuneurosurgery>

# On the Brain for April

How well do you know your mythology?

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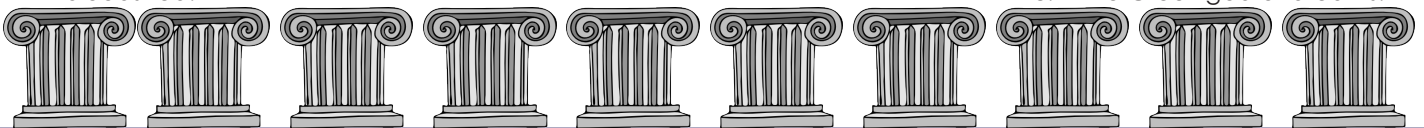
2. The Greek goddess of the hearth and the right ordering of domesticity and the family.
5. The Greek goddess of the night.
6. The queen of the Greek gods.
8. The Greek goddess of victory.
10. The Greek god of the underworld, the dead, and riches underneath the Earth.
11. The Greek goddess of cool breezes and fresh air.
12. The Greek goddess of the hunt, virginity, childbirth, archery, and all animals.
16. The Greek god of terror.
17. The master blacksmith and craftsman of the Greek gods; also the god of fire and the forge.
19. The Greek god of satire, mockery, and poets.
20. The messenger of the Greek gods and also the god of commerce and thieves.
21. The Greek god of sexual love and beauty.
23. The Greek goddess of magic, witches, and crossroads.
24. The Greek god of wine, celebrations, and ecstasy.
25. The Greek god of light, knowledge, music, poetry, prophecy, and archery.
26. The Greek god of the wild, shepherds, mountain wilds, and rustic music.
27. The Greek god of the seas, earthquakes, and horses.
28. The Greek god of dreams.



EclipseCrossword.com

## DOWN

1. The Greek goddess of concord and harmony.
3. The Greek goddess of discord and strife.
4. The Greek goddess of luck.
7. The Greek goddess of love, beauty, and desire.
9. The king of the Greek gods.
12. The Greek god of war, violence, and bloodshed.
13. The Greek god of sleep.
14. The Greek god of medicine and healing.
15. The Greek goddess of springtime.
18. The Greek goddess of wisdom, handicrafts, defense, and strategic warfare.
22. The Greek goddess of fertility, agriculture, nature, and the seasons.
26. The Greek god of fear.



The first complete and correct entry given to Brandon wins!