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H.A.R.T. continues summer season with the musical 'Willy Wonka'

By **JOCELYN GIBSON**
MANAGING EDITOR

Building on a tradition of summer outdoor theater in Huntington, The Huntington Area Regional Theater presents its second show of the season.

The musical production of Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka" continues July 18-20 and July 25-27 at Ritter Park Amphitheater with Ryan Hardiman playing the title role.

The show begins at 8:30 p.m. each night with the gates opening at 6:30 p.m. and the children's pre-show performance "Adventures in Storyland" beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for children, \$15 for adults and \$20 for reserved seats. They can be purchased at the Park District Office at Heritage Station, at the Ritter Park Activities Center, online at ghprd.org and at the gate before the show.

Director Mary Smirl commented on the first performance of the show which opened July 11.

"It totally exceeded my expectations, completely," she said. "I didn't expect the show to gel until Sunday with such a big cast."

Directing "Willy Wonka" has been a new experience for Smirl in terms of the cast

she is working with for the production.

"I primarily work with children, but I have worked with adults in 5th Avenue Theater Company," Smirl said. "I am getting to work with new people in 'Willy Wonka.' We have cast members driving from as far as Ripley and Charleston every day to be in the show."

When Huntington Outdoor

Theatre (H.O.T.) founder Helen Freeman announced last summer that she was shutting down the troupe after 20 years Smirl, her husband Tommy and their friend Clint McElroy — The Candy Man in "Willy Wonka" — wanted to keep summer theater alive in Huntington.

They collaborated with the

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Ryan Hardiman as Willy Wonka in Huntington Area Regional Theater's production of the musical at Ritter Park Amphitheater.

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Levi Kelley (center) plays Augustus Gloop in this scene from Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka" at the Ritter Park Amphitheater.

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Obama orders new sanctions against Russia

By **LESLEY CLARK**

MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

The Obama administration sought to further pinch Russia's economy Wednesday, bringing its toughest sanctions to date against major Russian banks, energy companies and weapons makers in a bid to convince the Kremlin to end its "provocations" in Ukraine.

Among the entities targeted are two Russian banking giants and Kalashnikov Concern, the company that makes AK-47s — the standard Soviet and Russia assault rifle — along with the head of Russia's Federal Security Service. The sanctions target Russia's oil and gas industry for the first time, limiting access to U.S. capital for new projects.

President Barack Obama announced the new sanctions, saying they are significant but targeted to hit Russia's economy without affecting Europe or U.S. businesses.

"What we are expecting is that the Russian leadership will see once again that its actions in Ukraine have consequences, including a weakening Russia economy and increasing diplomatic isolation," Obama said at the White House in remarks that addressed an array of global challenges.

Obama, who met earlier in the day with Secretary of State John Kerry, also suggested the U.S. may be open to extending negotiations with Iran over an agreement not to pursue a nuclear weapon. Obama said the talks, which face a July 20 deadline, have produced "real progress," though gaps remain. He said the administration would consult with Congress and others as it decides whether to extend

negotiations.

Obama also said the U.S. would use all of its diplomatic resources to reach a cease-fire in Gaza and would stress the need to protect civilians.

"We live in a complex world and at a challenging time," he said as he closed his remarks. "None of these challenges lend themselves to quick or easy solutions, but all of them require American leadership."

The Ukraine sanctions appear to be "far more serious" than earlier sanctions and could further stall an already "flat-lining" Russian economy, said Steven Pifer, a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine who leads the Brookings Institution's Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Initiative in Washington.

Pifer said he expected that by blocking U.S. medium- and long-term lending to the companies, the sanctions could create further uncertainty about the Russian economy and discourage other countries from lending to and investing in Russia.

"Earlier sanctions left the Kremlin uneasy. These should grab its attention," Pifer said.

"The question now is will they achieve their political goal, which is to persuade Russia to adopt a different policy on Ukraine. That remains to be seen."

European Union leaders also ordered tougher sanctions against Russia on Wednesday, The Associated Press reported.

Meeting in Brussels, the leaders also agreed to act together to suspend financing of the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development operations in Russia.

Gender-neutral housing is gaining at Maryland schools

By **CARRIE WELLS**

THE BALTIMORE SUN (MCT)

Nita Strickland and Sidney Garland, best friends since the sixth grade, have shared a lot — their hopes and daily frustrations, an interest in some of the same music and TV shows.

Now in college, even though they are of opposite sexes, the students share a tiny dorm room on Towson University's campus, outside of Baltimore.

What would have been considered taboo just a few decades ago has become more common. Coed dormitories, which shocked some when introduced in the 1970s, have given way to coed rooms. The well-established trend even has a modern moniker: gender-neutral housing.

Before 2007, such arrangements were virtually nonexistent in Maryland. Seven educational institutions in the state now offer the option to students, and an eighth has signaled it's getting on board.

Strickland and Garland, from Prince George's County, Md., finish each other's sentences, decorated their small living space with Towson University memorabilia and pop music posters. Having a private bathroom is a major plus, the roommates agreed.

"I don't see it as living with someone of the opposite gender as it is living with a really good friend," said Strickland, 21. "Hours will go by, we'll just be laying here talking about everything. Sometimes we'll wake up in the morning and be like, 'oh we stayed up till 4 a.m.'"

"A lot of people when they hear we're living together, they're like, 'How did you get so lucky?'" added Garland, 20.

University administrators say they began exploring mixed-gender housing after requests from students and have seen a growing demand.

The policies vary by school — some universities allow freshmen to participate, others don't except in special circumstances; and some universities only allow opposite-sex roommates in apartments and suites and not traditional dorm rooms.

Campus housing has evolved in other ways, too. Some colleges have floors designated as "quiet" or substance-free; others offer students the opportunity to live with others in the same academic program.

Coed arrangements aren't designed for students in romantic relationships, officials said, and students are not assigned to the housing unless

they request it.

Though many different types of students live in mixed-gender housing, some schools began their programs to address concerns raised by transgender students, who can face harassment or discomfort in a traditional dorm.

"We have students who were bullied to the point of violence in high school," said Katie Boone, the director of residential life at UMBC. "They came to UMBC where they felt safe about their gender identity or expression, so this was helpful for them."

According to the national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender advocacy group Campus Pride, nearly 150 universities around the country offer the option of gender-neutral housing, including California's state universities, Yale University, Columbia University and George Washington University. Most programs started in the past six years.

Deborah Grandner, the director of resident life at the College Park campus, said a student housing advisory group first approached her about the option in 2005 and that she attended a forum sponsored by a LGBT group that solidified her opinions about why the

program was necessary.

"The students there expressed serious concerns about navigating their living environment in our state-owned residence halls," Grandner said. "Their roommate situation could really make or break their college experience."

The program, offered in housing across campus, has grown from about 60 students to about 400 now, she said. About 12,000 students live in College Park's residence halls and the privately managed Courtyards and South Campus Commons apartments.

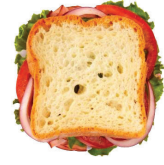
Alex Stoller's apartment on College Park's campus is a melting pot of six roommates from diverse backgrounds — and a blend of three men and three women, none of whom is gay or transgender.

"It's been eye-opening to live with people of the opposite sex," said Stoller, a sophomore from the Boston suburbs studying journalism. "There's also never drama. Girls can get catty and it can be harder, but with the guys it's nice because it's definitely a family dynamic. We're like brothers and sisters."

"If I want real girl time," she added, "I go to my sorority

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LEFT: Local artists' work is displayed on the walls of Ricky-Bobby's Art Deli. The artwork is all for sale and is changed every 30 days. RIGHT: The Rembrandt Sandwich, a classic club sandwich, consists of turkey, ham, cheese, bacon, lettuce and tomato.

Local deli combines art and food for a unique experience

By **GEOFFREY FOSTER**
NEWS EDITOR

America has always represented a variety of cultures from around the world, a fact that is evident by the restaurants we pass every day. A major identifier of any culture has always been its food. For America, one of those foods is the sandwich, and by extension, the deli. America is replete with delis. The same is true for Huntington. So, when a deli comes along that offers something unique, people tend to notice.

Upon approaching Ricky-Bobby's Art Deli, one might think that it is an art gallery, evident by the paintings that sit behind the glass. Once inside, it is the décor of the place that sets it apart from the average deli. From the tables made from re-purposed wooden doors to the gallery of paintings on the wall, the restaurant itself is like a giant mural.

For owners Bobby Loy and Richard Coffey, the deli's atmosphere holds the same importance as the food.

"I have such a huge appreciation for art," Loy said. "I love the architecture of the city and the art scene here. Art is all around us. We have sculptures around the city, we have Art in the Park and Art Walk. The art we have in the deli is our way of showing support for the community."

The paintings on display at the deli, all of which are for sale, are replaced every 30 days, creating what Loy describes as a changing experience in which the décor varies from month to month. He also said the art is not strictly limited to established artists.

"I have been told by some people that I shouldn't just let anybody display their art, that I should make sure that they have a background in art and had schooling, but I really don't think that," Loy said. "I let the pieces speak for themselves. So many famous artists never had schooling because you can't teach a natural talent that comes from within. My only rules are no nudes, so families can eat here, and no religion, just because I want everybody to be comfortable no matter what their religion is. I just want to be respectful to the customers, so they can enjoy a sandwich and not have to worry about what's on the walls."

The deli's art aesthetic is evident throughout the entire restaurant. Loy said that he chose to treat the interior itself as a giant piece of art to create a fun, relaxing atmosphere.

"Almost everything in here is re-purposed," Loy said. "There is a lamp in here that came from my first apartment. The other lamps were given to me. All the tables here use to be doors. They were 100-years-old and were going to be thrown away before I took them.

Me, Ricky, plus our families and friends came in here and decorated everything. We just wanted to create a fun atmosphere that people can enjoy while they eat their sandwiches."

The menu is comprised of 16 classic sandwiches and 2 salads. All the menu items bear the names of the world's most renowned artists, such as Picasso, Shakespeare, Van Gogh and Michelangelo. The restaurant also houses a pastry shop, featuring homemade cakes and cupcakes prepared by Rhonda Heck. Additionally, the restaurant offers catering services and party trays.

While Loy and Coffey adjust to their new roles as business owners, they are also looking to the future. Many of their business plans center around involvement in the local community that goes beyond Huntington's art scene.

"We plan to do some tailgating for Marshall games," Loy said. "We plan to do some things with the American Cancer Society, too. We're also going to be a part of the Hot Dog Festival. We just want to get as involved in the community as possible and get our name out there. That's all any business can do."

Ricky-Bobby's Art Deli is located at 409 11th Street and offers a 10 percent discount for Marshall students that can present a valid ID.

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EDITORIAL

Recognizing coal mining as the crisis it really is in West Virginia

A state forest is a place where one would expect to escape from the noise of the modern world and get back to nature, while hiking among century-old trees and local wildlife. State forests are expected to be peaceful, quiet places to enjoy the earth in its purest form.

Imagine hiking through a state forest, when the orchestra of cicadas and birds is cut with a siren, then a boom.

Explosives are being set off in the distance to prepare a mountain for strip mining. Later, one can go back through the forest and see that, amidst the preserved patch of earth that is the state forest, sits a topless mountain, rampant with industrial equipment.

This is the fate of the Kanawha State Forest, located near Charleston. The

Department of Environmental Protection has approved a proposal submitted in 2009 by Keystone Industries to strip mine Middle Lick Mountain, just 588 feet from the boundary of Kanawha State Forest.

Keystone Industries, LLC, is a coal company based out of Florida with coal production businesses across the world: from Ohio to Colombia to Korea.

The Kanawha Forest Coalition is currently battling the situation with petitions, walks and vigilant social media activism.

The fact that West Virginia has to fight this situation is ridiculous. The purpose of the DEP is to, well, protect the environment, and this is just one example of how West Virginia's environmental politics are failing.

Recall the MCHM spill in January, which is apparently still being dealt with.

West Virginia cannot afford another hit to its tourism industry. Besides coal, it is one of the most lucrative industries in the state.

If the coal industry continues to blow tops off of mountains and pollute the rivers, the Mountain State will no longer have mountain tourism. It is known that West Virginia does not have the best economy, and the loss of an entire industry would be extremely detrimental.

Keystone Industries is required to restore the area after the strip mining has been completed, by sculpting the mountain back to its original state and planting hardwoods. However promising this may

seem, it is nearly impossible to restore flora completely, especially in our temperate deciduous forest biome. This biome is one of the most diverse in the world in terms of number of different species, second only to the tropical rainforests. To restore such a mountain would take planting hundreds of different trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants.

The Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act does not require coal companies to restate every species in a forest, which leads to problems with biodiversity and gaps in the food web, potentially leading to species disappearing from the West Virginia Mountains.

It is time for environmentalism to be classified as common sense rather than fringe radicalism.

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COLUMN

Relationships more than they seem?

This is the fifth in a series of columns about Halie's experiences in Tanzania.

By HALIE PUTOREK
GUEST COLUMNIST

From the time a little girl reaches the age of five or six years old, she might be confronted by the idea of a relationship. If Walt Disney has a say in it, she will begin to believe that the most important relationship she can have is with Prince Charming. As she grows up, she may continue to believe that the only significant type of relationship is with one other person. Intimate relationships, however, are far from the most important. Of three classifications of relationships — friendships, work relationships, and intimate relationships — I would have a hard time naming one most important.

Friendships in general are significant to psychological well being. Whenever an individual begins to build a friendship with another person, their ideas are shared and mutual respect often becomes a byproduct of the relationship. In school, a friend is the person with whom secrets are shared, snacks are traded and, as one ages, a person who works as confidant and advisor. My best friends in life are those that guide me and encourage me.

Friendships are not measured by length of duration, but by the character they instill. While I have been in Tanzania I have become friends with several individuals. Of this group, a smaller group has quickly become what I would consider to be "lifelong" friends. I have only known them for two weeks, but their values and ambitions reflect similar aspirations within myself. The similarities between individuals absolutely increase the likelihood of a successful relationship while decreasing the amount of time necessary to develop strong emotional attachment.

Consider a time in your life when you met a person and felt a connection. For whatever reason — similar interests, attitudes, or circumstances — building a relationship with this person felt simple. Even though

becoming friends was easy, it did not mean that the relationship was frivolous or fragile. Instead, the relationship with this particular friend was stronger and encouraged personal growth.

Relationships among coworkers are imperative to a healthy work environment. When relationships are formed among coworkers with similar goals, those goals are met with greater speed and effectiveness. So far in Tanzania I have volunteered at a daycare and an orphanage. At the orphanage, I worked with another girl who desired to learn how to efficiently clean the main area of the property. As we began talking with a girl who lived there, we discovered ways in which our task could be completed more fully.

The final classification of relationships is intimate relationships. The term "intimate" can be easily misunderstood. I do not necessarily mean a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband or wife. Instead, an intimate relationship implies a strong emotional attachment that surpasses even the strongest friendship bond. For instance, a relationship between mother and daughter is more complex than any type of friendship. Parents often sacrifice much in order to provide their children with necessities. This sacrificial willingness indicates a pervasive relationship that has the power to overcome many obstacles in life. Husbands and wives, likewise, demonstrate self-sacrifice in many aspects of their relationship. While I have been in Tanzania, I have met several individuals whose self-sacrifice mirrors that. Though they are not biological parents to the orphans they love, their actions speak to the type of relationship they have formed.

Relationships do not exist in a vacuum. They are flexible and diverse. Do not be apprehensive to reach out to other individuals in life. The relationships that you form have the potential to alter the very course of your life.

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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

A judicial 'no' on gay conversion therapy

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Whatever you think of therapy designed to change people's sexual orientation — and we think it's both harmful and insulting to gays and lesbians — it's not constitutionally protected free speech.

That was the correct conclusion of a federal appeals court decision upholding a California law prohibiting use of such therapy on minors. This week the Supreme Court rightly declined to hear an appeal of that decision.

In declining to review the ruling by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, the justices didn't set a national precedent. But their unwillingness to take up this issue is likely to encourage additional states to pass laws against treating children and

adolescents with conversion or "reparative" therapy.

It will also be harder now for proponents of the therapy to argue, as they did in this case, that it is a form of free speech deserving of the strongest judicial protection.

Initially, this page opposed enactment of the California law, not because we approved of conversion therapy for minors or anyone else but because we didn't believe legislators should be in the business of setting detailed rules for medical or psychiatric professionals. (We have similar misgivings about legislation restricting doctors who perform abortions.) Our preference would have been for the medical and psychological professions to lead the way in discouraging a form of

treatment that is increasingly viewed as pointless and even dangerous.

But whether the California law is wise is a different question from whether it violates the First Amendment's free speech protections.

On that issue, the 9th Circuit correctly drew a distinction between expressing an opinion about conversion therapy and actually engaging in it with underage patients.

Writing for the appeals court, Judge Susan P. Graber declined to subject the law to the "strict scrutiny" with which courts consider laws that abridge free speech.

She concluded that the law "regulates only treatment, while leaving mental health providers free to discuss and

recommend, or recommend against" efforts to change sexual orientation. As this page has noted, a doctor has a right to express the opinion that a banned drug would be helpful to his patients, but that doesn't mean he can violate the law by engaging in the "speech" of writing a prescription for that drug.

The line between speech and conduct for 1st Amendment purposes is admittedly sometimes blurry, but this law was aimed clearly at conduct. Even as it goes into effect, those who believe in conversion therapy can continue to evangelize for it.

But they will be doing so to an increasingly skeptical public inside and outside the psychiatric profession.

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The cast of Huntington Area Regional Theater's musical production gathers on the set of "Willy Wonka" at the Ritter Park Ampitheater.

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Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District and created Huntington Area Regional Theater or H.A.R.T.

"I think it's very important because it's not just about theater," Smirl said. "It is an event to go to in the summer with

family and have a good time. It reaches more than just theatergoers. People enjoy it and Huntington is a very artistic town. We are blessed with a deep dish of talent."

According to Smirl, H.A.R.T. brings more to Huntington than just an enjoyable production.

"It's one more thing that people can look forward to in

coming to Huntington," she said. "It's just really cool that we can continue to create an atmosphere where our kids can come back after they have gone to college and still be part of it."

Smirl hopes that audiences will take away two messages from "Willy Wonka."

"The message that money isn't everything is what I think

the author intended to convey with the story," she said. "I also hope that people will walk away thinking Huntington has a beautiful venue at the park and that they notice all of the hard work that was put in to the show."

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house." The Johns Hopkins University recently joined the mix of Maryland universities that will offer the option of living on campus with a roommate of the opposite sex, and St. Mary's College of Maryland officials have signaled that the school would also get on board.

Already, the University of Maryland, College Park, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Goucher College, Towson University, Frostburg State University and the Maryland Institute College of Art extend the coed option to students.

While college officials say they've seen very little backlash, not everyone has accepted what soon could be considered the societal norm. For the first time this year, a delegate introduced a bill in the Maryland General Assembly to eliminate state funding to colleges that offer mixed-gender housing. The bill died in committee.

"I've talked to constituents who have said, 'I don't want people shacking up together on taxpayer dollars,'" said Washington County Republican Del. Neil Parrott, the bill's sponsor, whose conservative resume includes leading the failed effort to overturn same-sex marriage.

"We have social mores in our society, and it seems like these universities are trying to push that away," he said. Constituents "want to see colleges

educating students and not experimenting with a whole new room policy."

The growing popularity of mixed-gender housing caught the attention of Parrott, who filed the bill this session to de-fund any institution that offered the option. The bill died in committee in March, but Parrott said he would re-introduce it next year.

Parrott said he was concerned that the housing option would lead to a rise in rapes and distract from the educational experience. He also said the housing option seemed aimed at "a small group of people in the trans-vestite community" and that "if someone's really uncomfortable, they could have a single room."

Susan Boswell, dean of student life at the Johns Hopkins University, where mixed-gender housing will be offered starting in the fall semester,

said student requests to live with another student of a different gender had previously been evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Administrators are "becoming more sensitive to the broad range of needs that their students have," she said, and students are becoming more vocal about their different housing needs.

"We felt this was something that was being offered widely at many institutions," she said. "We felt we were somewhat behind in not providing this option."

Stoller, the College Park student, acknowledged that she could opt to live with students of a different gender if she was living off-campus. But she said living on campus was important to her, especially in her freshman and sophomore years.

"It's part of the college experience," said Stoller, who

lives in the Leonardtown Community of apartments. "I personally think everyone should live in a dorm at some point in their life."

Stoller, who is Jewish, said her roommates are a mix of religions and nationalities: one Colombian, one Swedish, one Catholic, one Jamaican and one Vietnamese, making the experience even more diverse.

The roommates cook dinner together, adding to the family-like experience, said Stoller, who said having roommates of different genders and backgrounds has expanded her social circle. Her parents were "a little surprised at first" but have embraced her decision, she said.

"It took some time to get used to, but now it's not a problem at all," said Stoller. "Everyone seems to be supportive about it. They understand that we're really best friends."

MLS can fill void with World Cup concluded

Column

By BRAXTON CRISP FOR THE PARTHENON

The 2014 FIFA World Cup is over after a month of riveting soccer. Congratulations to Germany and Argentina are their runs to the finals.

Now it's back to soccer as usual. Or is it?

The only league in the midst of competition right now is the MLS here in the United States. The English Premier League, Bundesliga (Germany), La Liga (Spain) and Serie A (Italy) will start back up next month.

That makes it difficult in keeping Americans who got their first indoctrination into the world of soccer interested in the sport.

Here's your guide to keeping up with the members of the U.S. Men's National Team in hopes of keeping your interest in soccer piqued.

We'll start with the MLS, and with Landon Donovan not representing the Stars and Stripes in Brazil, the name everyone associates with MLS and the USMNT now is Clint Dempsey.

- While Dempsey had No. 8 on his jersey in Brazil, he actually wears No. 2 for his Seattle Sounders FC squad. In MLS action this season the Sounders lead the entire league in goals scored and have the best record at 12-4-2. Dempsey leads the Sounders in goals with nine, good enough for fifth in the MLS. Dempsey plays alongside fellow USMNT teammates DeAndre Yedlin and Brad Evans in Seattle as well.

- Speaking of Donovan, one of his Los Angeles Galaxy teammates represented the USA, and that was defender Omar Gonzalez. Gonzalez has played in just six games with the Galaxy, but will surely see more time after his strong showing in the World Cup, when he was often the player to deflect a shot or clear a ball out of the box in the event US goalkeeper Tim Howard could not pick it up himself.

- In the Eastern Conference, Toronto FC has midfielder Michael Bradley, who was the spark behind getting so many of the American scoring

chances going in the World Cup. A player who is also with Toronto FC and is worth mentioning even though he is not an American is goalkeeper Julio Cesar, who was the starter in net for Brazil. He did let quite a few goals get past him in the latter stages of the World Cup, but he was still superb against Costa Rica.

- Another American striker in the MLS Eastern Conference is Graham Zusi of Sporting Kansas City. Sporting KC is in second place in the East behind a DC United team that somehow leads the conference without having a single player play in the World Cup.

Here are some other players on the U.S. team who do not play in the MLS:

- The Man, The Myth, The Legend of Tim Howard will begin his season with EPL team Everton on August 16th on the road at newly-promoted side Leicester. He and his Everton mates will also compete in the 2014-15 UEFA Europa League by way of finishing in 5th place in the EPL last season.

- Despite being out for most of the World Cup after a hamstring injury in the United States' first match against Ghana, Jozy Altidore will be with Sunderland of the EPL. He and Howard will meet up Nov. 9 at Sunderland and May 9, 2015 at Everton.

- Midfielder Fabian Johnson will suit up for Borussia Mönchengladbach of the Bundesliga in Germany. This will be his first year with the club, after spending the last three seasons with 1899 Hoffenheim.

- Another USMNT player who made an impact in Brazil and plays in the Bundesliga is Julian Green of defending league champion Bayern Munich. He and Johnson are scheduled to meet Oct. 25th and March 21, 2015.

Hopefully now you'll know how to keep up with some of the big names from the USMNT during their club competitions this upcoming season.

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