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### Suit targets White Stadium renovation

Environmental group says public land would be taken for women's soccer team

**Bv Niki Griswold** 

A local environmental group that serves as a steward of Franklin Park joined 15 residents in a lawsuit Tuesday to halt the redevelopment of White Stadium in the park into a

home for a new professional women's soccer team, arguing the proposal was fast-tracked without adequate community input, and would privatize public parkland.

The lawsuit is the first to be filed by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy in its roughly 25-year history — an action its leadership said they took reluctantly, but seriously.

"We support the renovation of White Stadium and Franklin Park, but we do not support the required involvement of a professional sports team that would displace the local community for the next 30 years, while privatizing and profiting from this public resource," said Karen Mauney-Brodek, president of the conservancy, which maintains and advocates for the more than 1,100 acres that make up Frederick Law Olmsted's necklace of green space that runs through Boston.

Franklin Park serves as the crown jewel, and Mauney-Brodek noted it as a "historic park located in an environmental justice community."

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At Bowdoin College Museum of **Art in Maine** (top), Sabrina Lin and Anne **Collins** Goodyear (right) discussed "Estaño Maldito" by Alejandro Mario Yllanes. Above, "Elegia"; at right, a selfportrait.



## PICKING UP THE PIECES OF **A VANISHED** ART STAR

Works of the 'greatest Bolivian painter' reemerge in . . . Maine

> By Malcolm Gay GLOBE STAFF

In the first half of the 20th century, Bolivian artist Alejandro Mario Yllanes's vividly rendered paintings of the culture and exploitation of the Aymara people swiftly won international acclaim while also unsettling the political powers

Mexican muralist Diego Rivera championed his paintings. The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation granted him a fellowship, and by mid-century numerous museums, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, had acquired his artwork.

But then, not long after he arrived in New York City in 1946, Yllanes disappeared. He reportedly never collected the fellowship funds, leaving behind a small cache of artworks and an enduring art world mystery: What ever happened to the promising young artist a critic once called "the greatest Bolivian painter"?

"We don't know," said Michele Greet, an art historian who's written a book on the Indigenous art of South America. Greet said she hadn't heard of Yllanes until last spring.

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# State makes an example of Milton

With eye on other towns, it cuts off grants after rejection of housing plan

> **By Andrew Brinker** GLOBE STAFF

Facing an insurgent opposition to the state's new housing law, Governor Maura Healey's administration came down Wednesday on Milton, trying to head off broader momentum sparked by the town's recent rejection of a controversial hous-

State officials told Milton in a letter that the town is now barred from receiving some significant state grants after voters last week rejected a plan to comply with the MBTA Communities Act, one of the state's most powerful tools for digging out of the housing crisis.

The Milton results have emboldened opponents in other suburbs around Greater Boston who face deadlines this year to write state-mandated land-use rules to allow new apartments and condominiums near transit stations.

"Milton is setting an example that it's OK to not comply with state law," said Rachel Heller, chief executive of the housing advocacy group Citizens' Housing and Planning Association. "Now we are going to see a concerted effort from the state to enforce the law so that other communities don't start looking at noncompliance as a real option."

State Housing Secretary Ed Augustus, in his let-

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# **Rebuilding of Steward-run** hospital on hold

Contractors in Norwood say they haven't been paid

By Jessica Bartlett and Suchita Nayar GLOBE STAFF

NORWOOD — Four years after catastrophic flooding closed Norwood Hospital, contractors have stopped work on the reconstruction of the facility operated by troubled Steward Health Care, saying they haven't been paid, according to elected officials representing the area.

US Representative Stephen Lynch, whose congressional district includes Norwood, said Wednesday that he was informed some companies working on the hospital project had begun pulling building materials and equipment from the property, citing lack of payment.

"Right now we're stuck with a hospital that's not built," Lynch said in an interview after holding a news conference in front of an unfinished steel structure. "It's not buttoned up, and nothing's happening right now. So we're in a very difficult spot."

Steward has been facing severe financial challenges that it acknowledges are threatening its ability to continue operating the nine hospitals it has here, including Norwood. Steward's precarious situation has set off alarm bells in the state's health care industry over the potential loss of

**NORWOOD HOSPITAL, Page A7** 

### Demise of Drizly a blow to Boston's startup world

By Aaron Pressman

Rich McCarthy, the fourth-generation owner of McCarthy Bros. Liquors in Charlestown, still remembers the day a skinny young kid walked into his store to pitch him on Drizly, a new online service to help deliver alcohol.

It was 2013 and the kid, recent Boston College grad Justin Robinson, followed him into the beer cooler and offered a strong sales rap. In Drizly's marketplace app, he said, customers would be able to see the store's entire inventory and place an order, while McCarthy Bros. would still make the sale and deliver the goods — kind of like an eBay or Airbnb for Bud Lite and Jack Daniels.

McCarthy was skeptical. "My driver goes over the bridge to the North End in

rush hour traffic to deliver a \$15 bottle of wine, and we won't see him again for an hour," he recalled in a recent interview. "I said no."

But Robinson kept calling on McCarthy about once a month. And McCarthy started to hear about customers ordering from other stores via Drizly. "Another store, covering our turf, that's no good," he said. "I called Justin on his cellphone and said sign me up."

Robinson and his team eventually signed up thousands of liquor stores around the country. And three years ago, the startup sold to Uber Technologies for about \$1 billion, as the ridesharing giant looked to add more alcohol sales to its food delivery business.

But the dream of building a great lo-

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Wolohojian, an ex-partner of **Governor Maura Healey, defended** her nomination to the SJC, saying she followed the same process as any oth-

Gabrielle R.

The United **States defended** Israel's occupation of the West Bank and east Jerusalem. A3.

er candidate. B1.

**Apple's Vision** Pro headset is getting a warm welcome from **businesses** that aim to use it for training. D1.

#### CASE GOES TO THE JURY



Deliberations began Wednesday in the second-degree murder trial of Adam Montgomery in the death in 2019 of his 5-year-old daughter, Harmony Montgomery. Above, the child's biological mother, Crystal Sorey, listened to closing arguments. At right was Michelle Raftery, the girl's foster parent. B1.



#### Advanced degrees

Thursday: Starting to warm up. High 40-45. Low 32-37.

Friday: Drizzle and fog. High 43-48. Low 24-29.

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