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Members of the Auburndale Girls’ Science Club with a robot they built for a robotics competition at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The suburban Boston club was started by the mother of one of the girls, who was afraid her daughter would lose interest in science as many girls do beginning around the eighth grade. Many of the programs that are successful in reversing this trend rely on an all-girl environment, a finding discussed in this year’s special section on women in science beginning on page 383. [Photo: Sam Ogden]