

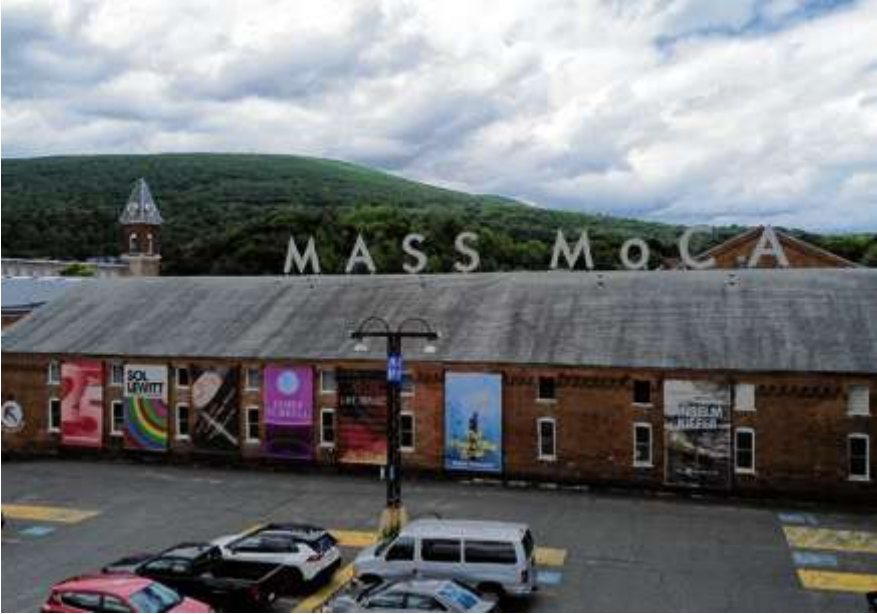
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Above: Visitors to Mass MoCA last month walked through “Cosmic Latte,” an installation by artist Spencer Finch. Far left: Kristy Edmunds, director of Mass MoCA.

MUSEUM QUALITY WORK

At its 25th year, Mass MoCA pledges to more fully deliver on its economic promise to North Adams

By Malcolm Gay
GLOBE STAFF

NORTH ADAMS — When the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art commissioned Bob Faust to create an artwork for its 25th anniversary, the artist channeled a familiar language to describe the sprawling museum: Statistics. The resulting mural, “MASS MOCA BY THE NUMB3R5,” is awash in eye-popping figures: 300,000 square feet of gallery space, 15,000 square feet of indoor performing space, 24 acres, 27 miles of HVAC. People have relied on outsize numbers to de-

scribe Mass MoCA ever since it first opened in 1999 in the old Sprague Electric Co. factory complex with a two-fold promise: It would bring world-class contemporary art to the Berkshires while also leading an economic revival in this faded factory town. Mass MoCA has delivered on its artistic promise. It now ranks among the largest contemporary art museums in the country. Innovative long-term loans ensure works by art-world heavyweights fill its galleries. Lively music festivals draw tens of thousands of visitors each year, **MASS MOCA, Page A15**

Powerful math behind ride-hailing fares, pay

AI influences prices — and the future of wages

By Katie Johnston
GLOBE STAFF

David Weil, a Brandeis University professor and labor market expert, knew that Uber and Lyft had long used algorithms to match the supply of drivers to demand from riders, and set prices accordingly. But as he sifted through depositions, documents, and data made available in a recent Massachusetts lawsuit against the ride-hailing companies, he dis-

covered the artificial intelligence behind the algorithms was far more sophisticated than he imagined. The algorithms, learning from massive amounts of data gleaned from millions of trips, could predict how much riders in certain situations might be willing to pay, and how much compensation drivers might accept. After a Celtics game, for example, someone heading to Weston might be charged a higher rate than another person going to Framingham, based on the insight that Weston passengers might be wealthier and willing to pay more to get home **ALGORITHM, Page A13**

2024 PARIS OLYMPICS



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PITCH PERFECT — Trinity Rodman (right) scored the only goal as the US women's soccer team beat Japan, 1-0, in their Olympic quarterfinal match. Coverage of the Games, **C1, 8-9.**

A windfall behind the shelter emergency

Hotels get top dollar for migrant housing, despite some subpar conditions

By Deirdre Fernandes and Stephanie Ebbert
GLOBE STAFF

METHUEN — The migrants, many with small children or pregnant, arrived at the former Days Inn Hotel by the busload in October 2022. Business travelers might have steered clear of the hotel just off Interstate 93. The carpets were worn, some fire alarms weren't working, and the health inspector had just fielded a complaint about bedbugs. A year earlier, a New York fugitive accused of brutally murdering his wife was tracked down and arrested there. But the state was in desperate need of rooms and the hotel was willing to rent them — for a hefty price. As a wave of migrants began improbably making their way from the southern border to New England, the state initially agreed to pay \$165 a night per room to shelter homeless families in this working-class city near the New Hampshire border — one of the steepest prices charged at a Days Inn without a water view along the East Coast, according to a Google search of prices this **HOTELS, Page A14**

Bankruptcy limits options on Steward

Public health not at the fore in court proceedings

By Robert Weisman
GLOBE STAFF

The bankruptcy of Steward Health Care presents Governor Maura Healey's administration with a dilemma: How to rescue a half-dozen cash-starved hospitals, which serve low-income patients across Eastern Massachusetts, without aiding executives who enriched themselves while presiding over the health system's collapse. That dilemma will hang over a Tuesday hearing on a plan for Massachusetts to advance \$30 million in interim funding until the hospitals are sold. The funds are conditioned on Steward finalizing the sales of the hospitals before it runs out of money and shuts them down. For patients, employees, and hard-pressed communities, the stakes couldn't be higher. **STEWART, Page A13**

We know what a Boston accent should sound like. And here are some of the best (and worst) ones we've heard in movies. **SundayArts N1.**

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Sunday: Showers, stormy. High: 78-83. Low: 70-75. **Monday:** Partly sunny. High: 90-95. Low: 68-73. Complete report, **A22.** Deaths, **A16-20.**

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