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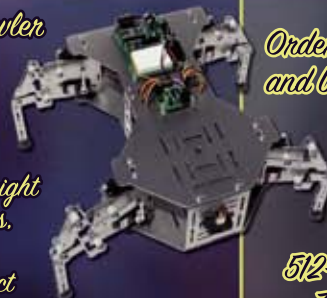


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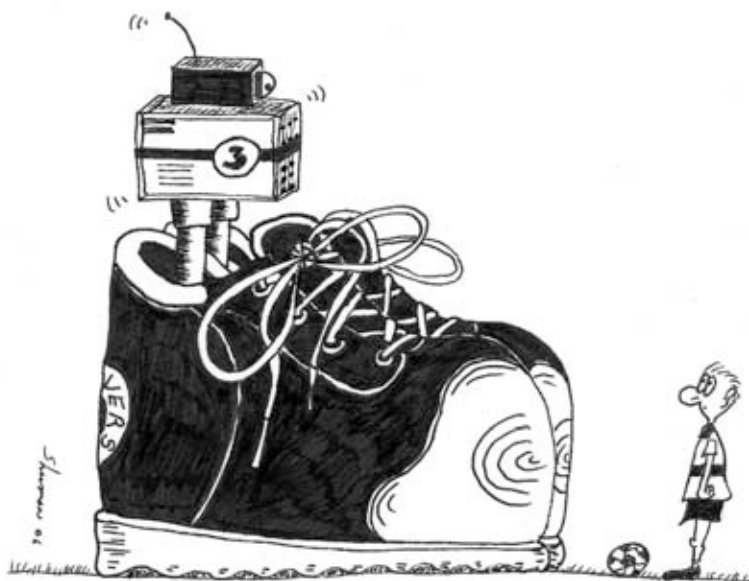
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# BIO-FEEDBACK



THE "F-I-R-A" FOUND THIS  
YEAR'S WORLD CUP CHAMPION AT  
THEIR ANNUAL ROBO-SOCCER  
CHAMPIONSHIP MEET!

by J. Shuman

Dear SERVO:

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**Trevor Harmon**  
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robots will get easier. (Yes, that will help you procrastinate, I know ...) The excellent monthly coverage of Combat Zone will get all you fighters ready, so we'll be covering many other types of competitions individually. Future articles will cover: Androids, which include soccer, Robo-one, and walkers (Nov), Tetsujin (Dec), Fire-Fighting (Jan), Balancer Race (Feb), Art Bots (Mar), Sumo (Apr), and Hockey Bots (May).

You can build any one of these

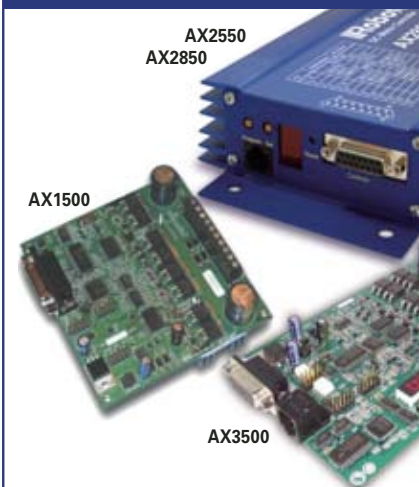
robots and make them competitive. The articles will not give you step-by-steps on making a robot, but they will give you enough pointers for you to be able to make a good start of it and then figure the rest out on your own. No human athlete coasted to a gold medal, and neither will you.

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