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A Texas player shines!

Big Kick for U.S. Soccer



Joey Scamardi with his medal that shows he took part in the international "Kick Me" contest. All of the 16 boys that took part got a medal like this one.

Houston, Texas — "When I first started soccer, there were not many clubs. A lot of kids didn't know what soccer was," champ Joey Scamardi told The Mini Page.

That was 7 years ago. Now kids know what soccer is.

Joey practices as many as 1,000 headers (bouncing the ball on your head) and 2,200 kicks in a workout.

Buenos Aires, Argentina — Soccer is a sport that is usually played well by players from countries other than the U.S.

But the U.S. is fast turning out good soccer players.

Joey Scamardi, then age 14, proved this in August of last summer.

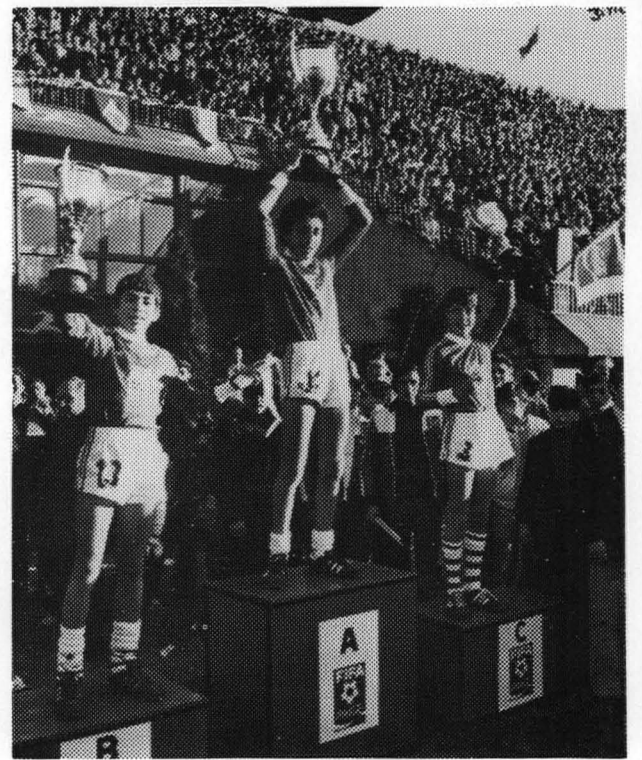
He came in third in the worldwide "Kick Me" contest.

He competed against 15 boys from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile and Holland.

At one time he was leading with a score of 148. Then two boys from Argentina each came up with a score of 149.

These two held a runoff for first and second place.

But the fact that Joey placed so high is certainly a big kick for U.S. soccer.



International "Kick Me" contest winners. Two boys from Argentina and third-place winner Joe Scamardi of Houston, Texas. Joey was only one point behind the two top winners.



Why soccer is BIG in the U.S.A.

A few years ago, the soccer superstar Pele came to this country and played for a U.S. team. Although he is no longer playing soccer in the U.S.A., he did call attention to the sport.

Soccer is also cheap to play. It takes a ball, a flat field and a couple of sticks for goal posts.

Uniforms are shirts and shorts. And soccer is fun for a kid of any size.

World Cup

The international "Kick Me" contest was held during the 1978 World Cup.

The World Cup is a contest between pro soccer teams from all over the world. It is held every four years.

Last year's winner was Argentina. The next World Cup will be held in Spain in 1982.



How many times can you keep the ball bouncing on one foot?

"Kick Me" Contest

Soccer's "Kick Me" contest is to soccer what "Punt, Pass and Kick" is to football.

It's a yearly skills contest sponsored by Coca-Cola.

Kids 16 and under compete.

They must juggle the ball with their feet and head without letting it touch the ground or their hands.

They must kick to a goal and they must dribble the ball.



How many times can you keep the ball bouncing using your head?

John Travolta...superstar of films, TV and records

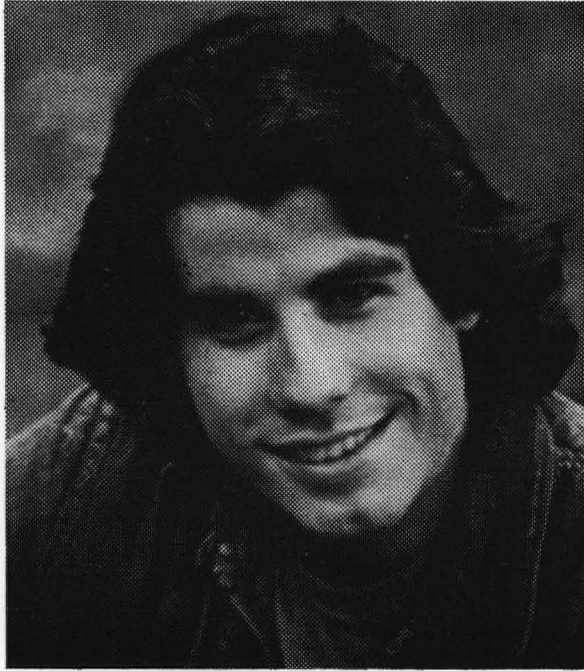
Today, John Travolta is one of the biggest, if not the biggest, stars in show business.

It takes a lot of people to watch out for his booming career.

He has managers, agents, lawyers, business advisers and publicity people.

Most of his fans first saw him as Vinnie Barbarino in the TV series "Welcome Back, Kotter."

But he started acting way before then.



John Travolta as Vinnie Barbarino in "Welcome Back, Kotter."

Travolta is one of six children. He became interested in acting because of his mother. She was an actress and drama teacher.

He was "discovered" by an agent at the age of 16. He was acting in a play in his home state of New Jersey.

His successes include two smash hits, "Saturday Night Fever" and "Grease."

His hits also include several record albums.

He spends what free time he has flying his own airplane.

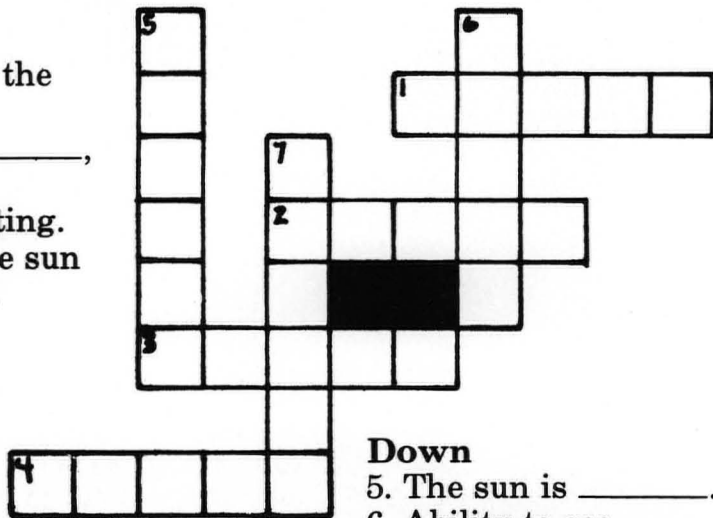
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Puzzle-le-do

All of the words in this puzzle end with the letters "ight."

Across

1. Turn on the _____.
2. Turn _____, not left.
3. Close-fitting.
4. When the sun goes down.

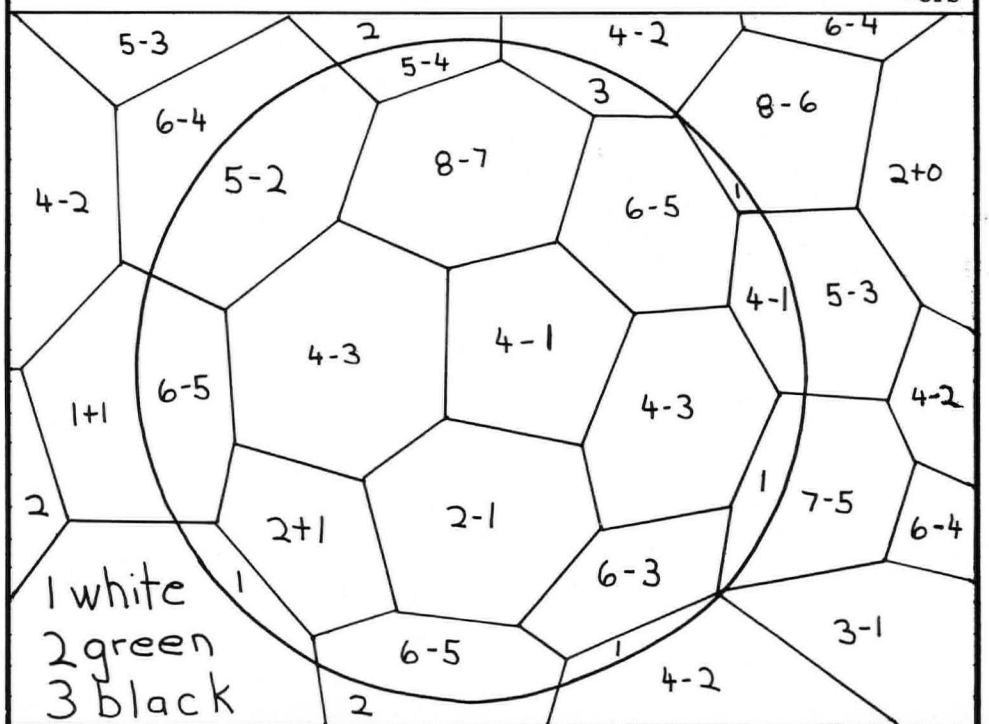


Down

5. The sun is _____.
6. Ability to see.
7. Sudden alarm.

Answers
ACROSS
1. light
2. right
3. tight
4. night
DOWN
5. bright
6. sight
7. fright

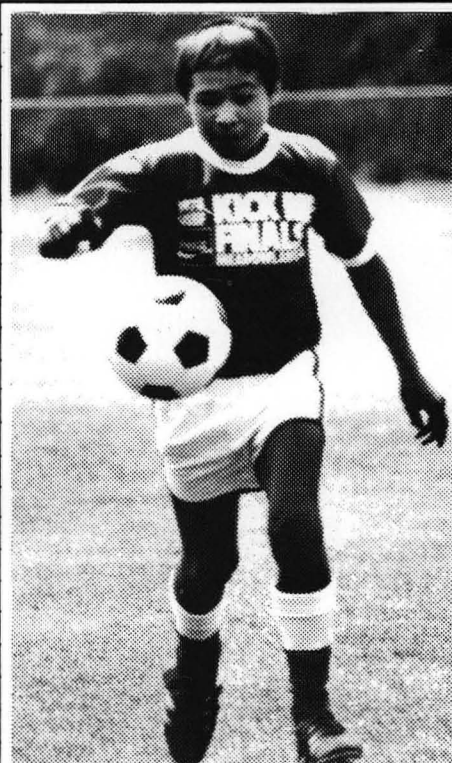
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Mini Spy...



- See if you can find:
- pan
 - word "Mini"
 - toaster
 - pencil
 - button
 - 2 flower pots
 - cup
 - teapot
 - leaf
 - 2 cooking pots
 - bottle
 - light bulb
 - letter "B"



Luis Lopez of Baldwin Park, California. He has three brothers who also play soccer.

Luis Lopez: Record Breaker

Luis Lopez set a world record.

He juggled a soccer ball 16,219 times nonstop. He used his head, feet and legs.

The record-setting event was seen by several California youth soccer officials. Luis was practicing for the national U.S. "Kick Me" contest held in August.

He didn't win, but he certainly put on a show.

His record exceeds the record listed in the "Guinness Book of World Records" by 3,000 contacts.

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Mini Jokes



Match these Punch Lines

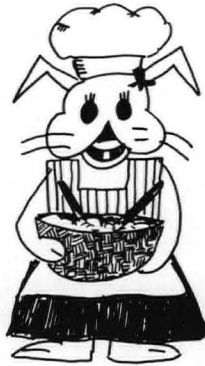


Rabbit Salad

Get an adult to help you grate and chop up some of these things.

You'll need:

- 1 cup grated carrots
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped apples
- ½ cup raisins
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon salt



What to do:

1. Mix all ingredients.
 2. Chill in the refrigerator before serving.
 3. Serve on a bed of lettuce.
- Serves 6 people.



Supersport: Giorgio Chinaglia

Some soccer fans probably think Giorgio Chinaglia has a "bionic" foot.

During the 1978 season, the New York Cosmos forward booted 34 goals in 30 regular-season matches.

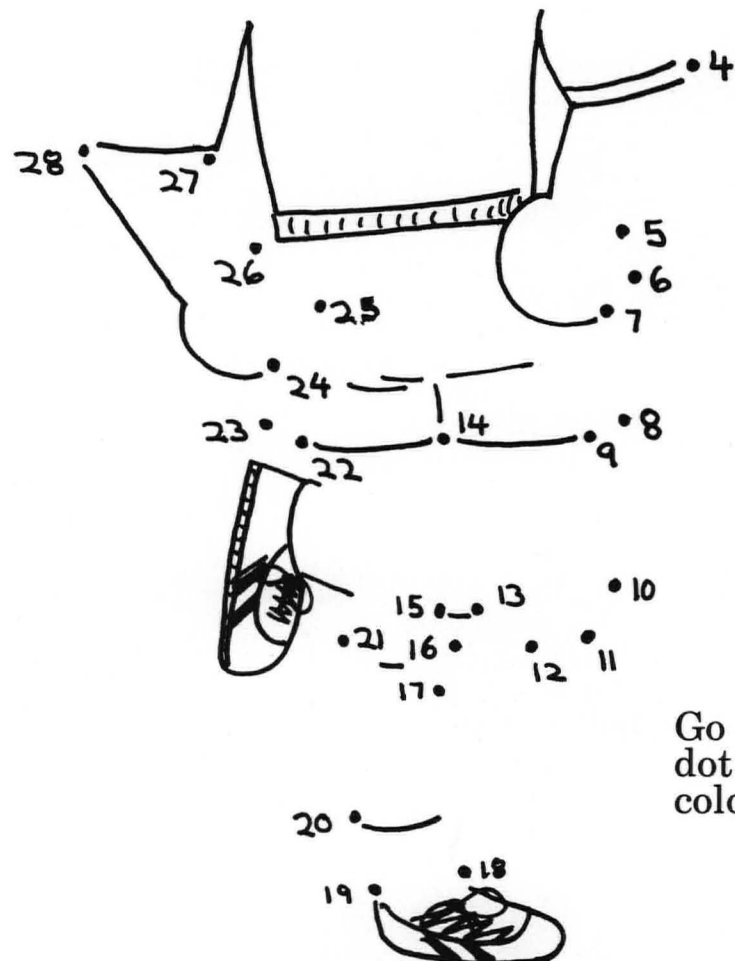
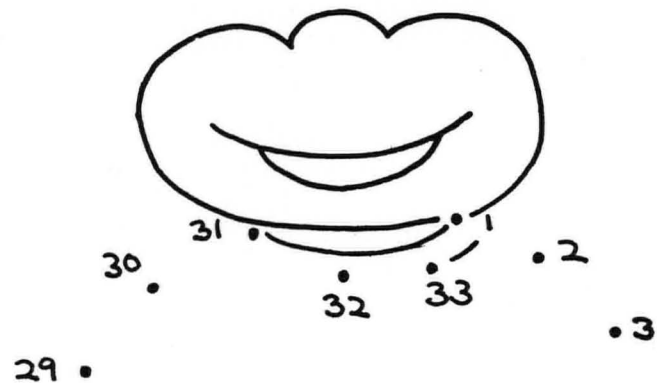
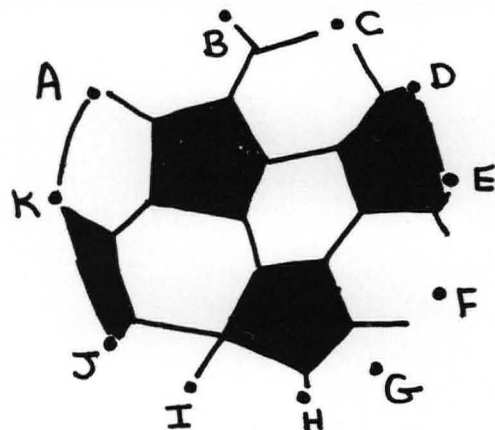
That gave Giorgio the individual scoring title for the North American Soccer League.

Giorgio was a star in Italy before joining the Cosmos. He recently became a United States citizen. He is 31 years old and is married. He has three children.

He is involved in other businesses. He is developing real estate in New Jersey. He also endorses foods and sporting-goods products.



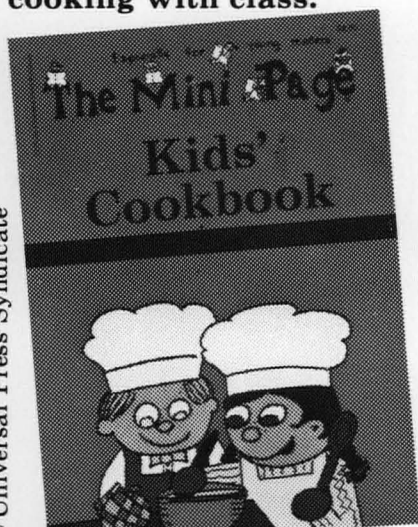
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Go dot to dot and color.

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Minnesota Kicks
(Minneapolis)



New England Tea Men



New York Cosmos



Oakland Stompers



Washington Diplomats



Vancouver Whitecaps



Tulsa Roughnecks



Toronto Metros



Tampa Bay Rowdies

Is there a pro team near you?



Seattle Sounders



San Jose Earthquakes



San Diego Sockers



Rochester Lancers



Portland Timbers



Philadelphia Fury

Soccer...the Waking Giant



A soccer victory — Werner Roth, the captain of the New York Cosmos, waves a Soccer Bowl trophy that his team won last year by beating the Seattle Sounders. The Cosmos will be the team to beat this year.

Soccer, the most popular sport in the world, has been asleep in the U.S.A.

But soccer is waking up.

And kids are doing the waking.

Kids are playing the game by the thousands.

Kids are now hoping to win soccer scholarships to college. Many are dreaming of turning pro. Many just enjoy the sport.

Kids are dragging their parents to pro games.

Kids are causing this sleeping giant to become a major sport.

Watch for soccer on national TV (ABC) starting this spring.

There are other soccer leagues in this country, but the biggest with 24 pro teams is the North American Soccer League.

The league is wide-awake for the pro soccer season starting this month.

SOCCER TRY N' FIND

Words about soccer are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: soccer, ball, player, kick, coaches, referees, field, offside, game, heeling, heading, defensive, throw-in, goal, center, pass, run, goalie, linesman, forward, circle, offensive and block.



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Can you read these words that start with the FR blend?



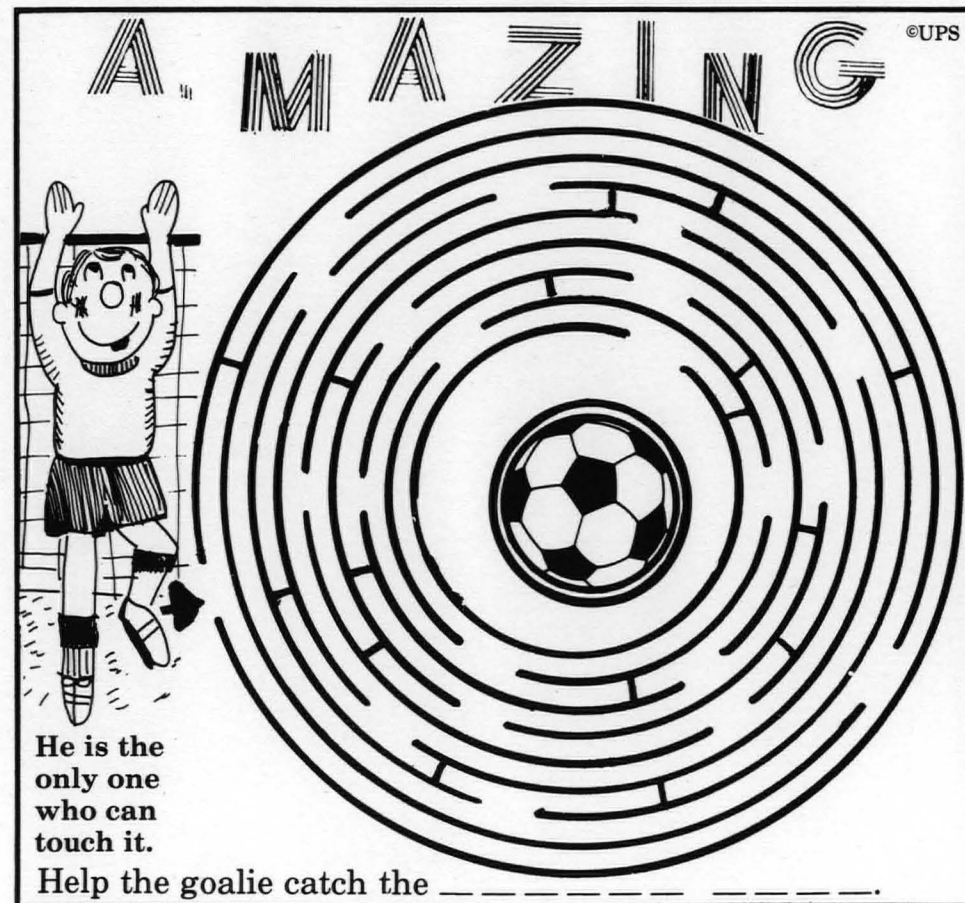
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fruit
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We did not label one of the FR words. Can you find it?

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For use with issue: Big Kick for U.S. Soccer

Page 1: Math: How many years until the next World Cup games? Seven years ago, Joey Scamardi started playing soccer. What year did he start? The "Kick Me" contest was held last August. How many months ago was this?

Social Studies: Find Buenos Aires on a world map. Also find the countries mentioned in the story. Find Houston, Texas, on a U.S. map. Talk about the datelines in the story. Look for datelines in your regular newspaper.
 Are there any soccer players in your room? Ask these kids to tell why they like the game.

Reading comprehension: How many boys were there in the international "Kick Me" contest? Why is soccer becoming so popular? Why is it important that Joey came in third?

Page 4: Cut the pro team symbols apart. Paste them on separate pieces of cardboard. For younger children, match the separate teams with another Mini Page that you have not cut. Ask the older children to arrange the teams in alphabetical order.

(Note to editor: Above is Teachers Guide for Issue 28.)