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# Michael has no regrets

#### United Press International HONOLULU — Last year,

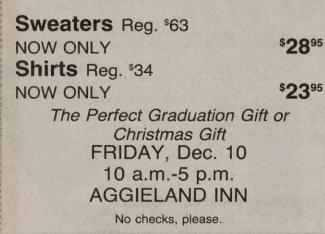
they were on the same side of the fence. This year, they're on opposite sides.

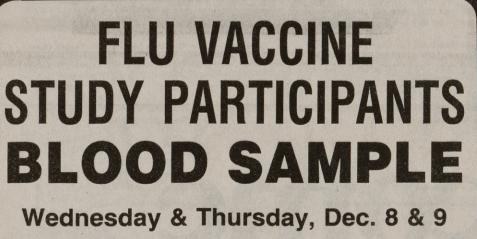
It doesn't matter. Gene Michael and Joe Altobelli are still good friends and obviously

were having trouble settling this base coach last year. gigantic problem for which no-body seemed to have the answer.

"How many zeroes does it take to make a billion?" asked Altobelli, the new manager for the Baltimore Orioles who was the New York Yankees' third

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Michael didn't know the answer. The two-time Yankee skipper now handling special assignments for them, thought there might be six zeroes in a billion.

"That's only a million," Altobelli threw cold water on Michael's guess. Just then, Hank Peters, the

general manager of the Orioles, passed by on his way to one of the sessions that make up the baseball meetings.

"How many zeroes in a bil-lion, Hank?" Michael put the question to him.

Peters was a bit taken aback. He didn't expect to be asked to do arithmetic homework out of the blue like this.

Looking at Michael and Altobelli, he scolded both for their mathematical deficiency. "You dumb guys," he chided them. "You can't even figure it

"That's why we're asking you," Michael said.

"I'm pretty sure there are nine zeroes in a billion," Peters

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gave Peters' answer some thought. After all, he dealt with figures a lot more than they did. Pittsburgh's Joe Brown came along and he was asked how many zeroes he thought there were in a billion.

"I'd say nine," he said. "It's one thousand million, isn't it?" Michael, who originally was property of the Pirates when he first began playing professional

baseball, was convinced now. "You're right," he said to Brown. "Of course, I'm right," Brown crowed. "I was right

when I first signed you, wasn't Listening to the entire discus-sion over how many zeroes actually made up a billion, Pe-

ters had an idea. "Let's go ask Gene Autry," he suggested. "He'll know." "That's for sure," Brown agreed. "He can even tell you how much interest there's on its how much interest there's on it for one year." They all laughed.

The way figures that would only fit on a boxcar are being thrown around for some free agents like Floyd Bannister, Steve Garvey and Steve Kemp, it sounded as though Michael and Altobelli had run into their problem of how many zeroes there are in a billion while they

were discussing the skyrocket-ing salaries in baseball. But, it turned out the two of them were talking about football and how the NFL players will get

\$1.6 billion under their new con-tract with the owners. The football players had argued they were the poorestpaid employees in professional sports. Maybe they were, but

they aren't anymore. Altogether, the 26 major-league clubs in baseball generate \$330 million a year, and when you compare that with the NFL's new contract, it means the foot-ball players will now get the equivalent of what baseball grosses for four years. Nonetheless, nobody's thinking of running a benefit for the baseball players, either.

People like Michael and Altobelli never made a whole lot of money as players. Neither was a star in the big leagues, and even if they had been it wouldn't have mattered, because the salary structure in their day didn't begin to approach what it is now.

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## Aggie Ladies defea Sn Cardinals; now 5-3 fo Michael and Altobelli both Jenni Edgar scored a game-high 21 points to lead the Aggie

women's basketball squad to a 65-57 victory over Lamar Tues-

day night in Beaumont. Texas A&M 5-3 on the sea-son, led 32-24 at halftime, but had to hold off a late charge by the Cardinals to take the eight-

break through the Cardinal weekend. press during the final 10 mi-

nutes. Lamar moved to within 61-57 in the final seconds, but Texas A&M's Ann Trinka hit four free throws to ice the victor

Trinka had 14 points and senior Kelly Krauskopf had 11

point triumph. Lamar, which upset No. 16-ranked Arizona State while winning a tourna-ment at the University of New Mexico last weekend, is now 4-2. The Aggie Ladies led throughout the game, but had to

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before the Spurs brokein

The Spurs outrebound Mavericks 50-41, including

Mike Mitchell scored points during an 8-0 San

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Gilmore added 19 point 13 rebounds for the Spurs

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United Press International SAN ANTONIO — Dallas has seen more victories this season than ever, but coach Dick Motta said the Mavericks played like an expansion team Tuesday

night against San Antonio. "Tonight we played like an expansion team," Motta said after the Mavericks took a 106-92 whipping by the Spurs. "All the turnovers made us look very young. We were six points down in the fourth quarter and we had three consecutive turnovers.

Spurs coach Stan Albeck however, gave the 3-year-old Mavericks more credit.

"They have a very good bas-ketball team," said Albeck. "I think the time has passed that you can call Dallas an expansion points on the third quarteram." put San Antonio up 187 Albeck was pleased with his

team's performance and parti-cularly that of forward Bill Willoughby, who came off the bench to tie his season-high 15 points on 7-of-14 shots and six rebounds.

"Three people stuck out for us," said Albeck. "Ice (George Gervin), Artis (Gilmore) and Willoughby. It was good to see Willoughby play a good game tonight.

Willoughby said: "I shot the ball well tonight, but when I'm open I've got to take the shot. We crashed the boards better en l've got to take the e crashed the boards better hight." Gervin scored 14 of his 26 trouble in the second management ped in 13 points and gate eight rebounds in the first Ste tonight.

### Redbirds hand Blue Demonbig loss; Wildcats trounce Detro

United Press International It's a long way from March and DePaul has already lost two

In the past three seasons, the Blue Demons entered the NCAA Tournament with just one loss during the regular season. They were then unceremo-niously eliminated in successive years by UCLA, St. Joseph's and Boston College. Tuesday night in Normal,

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things were abnormal for No. 20 DePaul. The Blue Demons lost, 76-62, to Illinois State to fall to 3-2. Their previous loss was to UCLA.

"This may be the greatest thing for us to play in a place like this, in front of a crowd like this," said DePaul Coach Ray Meyer. "Our shots were very disappointing. We panicked, our

shot selection was very poor." The Blue Demons hit just 43 percent from the floor. Illinois State, behind 23 points and 11 rebounds from Rick Lamb, shot 58 percent, including 68 percent in the second half.

The Redbirds are 4-0 and figure to be a power in the Mis-souri Valley Conference.

Before a sellout crowd of 8,068, Illinois State moved ahead for good, 58-56, on a bas-

Turpin scored 20 points Dirk Minniefield had bounds and 8 assists in Ken

y's laugher over Detroit If that's At South Bend, Ind. W of the b Bouchie scored 19 pim out to be o provided strong work a George offensive boards as India ball's hurr tended its record to 40.1° The p ish have lost to Kentucky [New Yorl and Indiana in the spat fown late week he's expect week

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