MORGAN LOSES, PLAYS UNION TONIGHT

Bisons Snatch 45-32 Verdict in D.C. Tilt

Ernie Washington Ties with Winners' Booth for Individual Scoring Honors

WASHINGTON — Morgan State College basketers lost their third game in four CIAA starts here Thursday afternoon, dropping a 45-32 decision to the high-riding Howard University quint at Turner's Arena.

It was a hard-fought game in which the score was tied four times. Superior reserve strength, however, told the story in favor of the homelings.

Again it was the name Washington which gave the Bears most of the scoring punch. But this time it was not the old reliable George Washington, whose point-getting had run into double figures for each of the past three games. In this game it was his brother, Ernie, who gathered the major spoils in the tally department, garnering 12 points to tie with Howard's Frank Booth for individual honors.

Jim Turpin, starting at center, was next in line in scoring, netting eight on three field goals and a pair of free-throws.

Howard's attack, on the other hand, was well balanced, not less than 10 players sharing in the total score.

In the preliminary game, the Morgan Jayvees conquered the Blue and White Junior Varsity.

Off for Virginia

The Bears left Washington this morning (Friday) for Richmond, Va., where they tangle with the league-leading Union University Panthers tonight. Tomorrow night, Morgan journeys to Petersburg for a contest with Virginia State.

It will be the first meeting of the season with Henry Hinkle's Unionites, but the outlook is not the least bit cheery for either of the two games in the Old Dominion. The Panthers only Tuesday night walloped Howard by 11 points, and a week ago took the measure of a scrappy Hampton Institute team, 57-47.

Things won't look any better in Petersburg, for Morgan followers well remember the 79-56 lacing suffered at the handes of the Trojans in Baltimore two weeks ago.

It might have been, however, that a better fate is in store for the Bears with the Jeffersonmen. For indications are that in their earlier meeting, State was "hot" and Morgan was in the throes of a slump. The night following their win over Morgan the Trojans were literally smothered by Howard.

The lineups:

MORGAN	G	F	P	HOWARD	G	F	P
G.Wash,f	1	6	8	J.Ward,f	1	0	2
Stepteau,f	0	0	0	Davis,f	3	0	4
E.Wash,f	5	12	22	Booth,c	5	2	12
Turpin,c	3	2	8	Wright,f	1	0	2
Jones,c	1	2	4	Burrows,f	1	1	3
Healey,g	3	1	8	Pollard,c	2	1	5
Taylor,g	0	0	0	Allen,c	0	0	0
Wartsbrg,g	0	0	0	Wise,g	2	1	5
Hressman,g	0	1	1	Bryant,g	1	0	2
Howard,g	0	0	0	Smith,g	2	0	4
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These classes meeting each week on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m., will qualify those persons completing the course to fill lifeguard positions during the summer.

T. Madison Garrison at the Druid Hill Avenue Y is enrolling candidates now.

AFRO SPORTS

SIGNING FOR TITLE TIFF—Chairman Eddie Eagan and Commissioner Leon Swears of the New York Athletic Commission look on as Gus Lesnevich signs to defend his light-heavyweight crown against Billy Fox at Madison Square Garden Mar. 5. In a previous title go Fox was kayoed by Lesnevich in the 10th round. Eagan is seated (left) next to the champ. Swears and Swears stands (right) beside the challenger, Fox.

Armstrong Head Protests Attack on Basketball Team

Francis Gregory, principal of Armstrong, forwarded a letter of protest to Parker-Gray High officials this week, following an attack by their pupils on several members of Armstrong's basketball team following a recent game in Alexandria, Va.

The letter, it was stated, was forwarded with the purpose of preventing possible retaliation among Armstrong pupils when the two schools meet, Monday night, in Bannekar gym at eight o'clock.

According to Coach Charles Baltimore, whose team defeated the Fee Gees, 54-34, the team was attacked after the game by several pupils, one of whom he recognized as member of the Virginiana basketball team. Other Parker-Gray pupils intervened, and escorted the team to its bus.

Lack of Supervision Blamed

Lack of proper supervision at the Pendleton Recreation Center where the game was played was said to be the underlying cause.

It was pointed out that few if any teachers were on hand to assist Coach Louis Johnson in handling the pupils. With no policemen on hand, the crowd did exactly as it wished.

Moreover, it was charged, Armstrong players had inadequate dressing rooms without locks on the doors. Members of the Armstrong team were detailed to guard the dressing room to prevent Parker-Gray pupils from removing equipment.

Armstrong Jayvees' dressing room was rifled, and personal equipment taken, it was reported.

Effect on Future Plans

Whether or not the sudden outburst of rowdyism may result in the cancellation of future athletic engagements between the Baltimore schools is not known, declared Baltimore. It will depend on the outcome of Monday's game.

A spokesman for Parker-Gray told the AFRO that the Armstrong players were attacked by some outsiders, many of whom were former Parker-Gray pupils. Precautionary measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence, it was pointed out.

Basketball Standings

(As of Jan. 23)

School	Won	Lost
Cardozo	2	0
Lakland	1	0
Dunbar (B)	4	1
Phelps	3	1
Carver	3	2
Armstrong	3	2
Dunbar (W)	2	2
Douglass (B)	0	1
Howard	0	2
Douglass (B)	0	3
Parker-Gray	0	3

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Rolls Record Game

Herman Savage, star of the Five Caballerros, a team in the Major B League of the Bowling Alley pin group, rolled a high game of 177 as his team defeated the New Castle Five in a regular league game this week.

Savage led his outfit to a 527-577 victory and, in doing so, broke the single-game record set Oct. 1, 1947, by Vernon Chambers. Chambers, a member of the same New Castle five, rolled a 174 game on that occasion with the opposition, oddly enough, being the Savage's team.

The best Chambers could do as his mark was being broken was a 145.

Squared Circle

FIGHTS THIS WEEK

FRIDAY

At Chicago—JOHNNY BRATTON vs. SEAU JACK, Augusta, Ga.—lightweights.

FIGHTS LAST WEEK

At Baltimore—TERRY MOORE, Baltimore, d. CHARLEY MILLAN, Baltimore.

At Philadelphia—JIMMY COLLINS, Philadelphia, d. CHARLEY (CABEY) LEWIS, Brooklyn.

At Worcester—DON WILLIAMS, Worcester, d. BILLY BANKS, Hartford.

At Atlantic City—RANDY BROWN, Atlantic City, d. Danny Martin, Newark.

At Cleveland—EZZARD CHARLES, Cincinnati, ko'd ARCHIE MOORE, St. Louis (8).

At Camden—IKE WILLIAMS, Trenton, d. DOUG CARTER, Newark.

At Buffalo—JIMMY BIVINS, Cleveland, d. Johnny Shkor, Buffalo.

At Madison Square Garden, NYC.—CHARLEY BURY, Hampton, d. St. Louis—Willie Pep, Hartford.

d. JIMMY ALLISTER, Baltimore.

At New York—KID GAVILAN, Havana, ko'd JOHNNY WILSON, NYC. (10).

At Chicago—Jimmy Sherry, Milwaukee, d. MEL JOHNSON, Chicago.

At San Diego — Rusty Payne, San Diego, tko'd RALPH (KO) BOOKER, Omaha (6).

At Rumford, Me. — LLOYD RUDSON, Bath, Me., d. Jerry Levigne, Montreal.

Frosh Star Counts 37 Points as Team Wins

Sherman White, 6 feet 7 inch center on Villanova College's freshmen basketball team, scored 37 points in his team's 73-44 triumph over the Rutger University frosh, last week, at Villanova.

The lanky ace from Eaglewood, N.J., poured through 16 field goals and five foul shots to come within eight points of the Villanova high-scoring mark set by Joe Lord, while, against Kings Point Academy last season.

72-Day Meeting

BOSTON — Suffolk Downs race track begins a 42-day meeting on April 19 with a second meeting of 30 days slated to follow.

Cage Calendar

Tenn at Ky. State
Livingstone at Fayetteville
Jan. 22nd—N.Y. Rens at Fayetteville
Jan. 26th—W. Salem at A. and T.
Pub. Smith at Virginia State

SCHOLASTIC
GAMES THIS WEEK

PROFESSIONAL
Jan. 22nd—N.Y. Rens at Atlanta
Jan. 24th—N.Y. Rens at Knoxville

COLLEGE
GAMES LAST WEEK
J. C. Smith 45, Fayetteville 42.
Va. State 72, Morgan 56
J. C. Smith 53, St. Paul 39
Howard 45, Morgan 32
Del. State 57, Lincoln 53
Howard 81, Va. State 38
Shaw 53, St. Augustine 53
Howard 57, Lincoln 42
Langston 71, Prairie View 48
Union 57, Hampton 42
N.Y. State 36, Wilb. State 30
Lenoi. State 71, Wilberforce U. 42
Morgan 45, Va. State 32
West Va. 57, Shaw Univ. 44
Ala. State 52, Fla. A. & M. 43
Hampton 84, Ft. Smith 32

COLLEGIATE
GAMES THIS WEEK
Jan. 23rd—Morgan at Union
W. Virginia at Bluefield State
Tennessee at Wilberforce U.
Tuskegee at Ala. State
Jan. 24th—Morgan at Va. State
W. Salem at Shaw
St. Augustine at St. Paul
N.C. State at A. and T.
Lincoln at Alabama (Interracial)
Benedict at Tuskegee

Splinters From The Bowling Alley

By SPARE STRIKER

STANDING OF LEAGUES

GIRLS' LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
WOODWORKERS	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
STRAIGHT SHOOTERS	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FIVE SPARES	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MAJOR B LEAGUE

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NEW CENTURY	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
ROYAL CHALLENGERS	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SPARE RIBS	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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MAJOR LEAGUE

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ROYAL CHALLENGERS	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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McCORMICK'S LEAGUE

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BLACK WARRIORS

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B CLASS MEN

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MAJOR B LEAGUE

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MINOR LEAGUE

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Monumental Baseball League Cards Meeting

The organizational meeting of the Monumental Baseball League for 1948 will be held Wednesday night at the Department of Recreation headquarters, 1129 N. Calvert St., at eight o'clock.

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ROYAL WEEK BEGINNING FRI., JAN. 30th

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Chick Webb Five Tops Monumental

The newly-organized Chick Webb basketball team now leads the Monumental Cage League, having played four games without a loss.

In second place are the vaunted Horsemen A.C. cagers, who copped the championship last year. The Horsemen will meet the Webb hoopsters soon in the last game of the first portion of the season.

Relative standings in the Monumental League are as follows:

Team	W	L	Pct.
Chick Webb	4	0	1.000
Horsemen A.C.	3	1	.750
Royal Panthers	2	1	.667
Social Security Wizards	2	3	.400
Social Security Clerks	2	3	.400
Spartans X	2	3	.400

Results of this week's games: S.S. Clerks 37, N. Panthers 31; S. Panthers 32, Horsemen A.C. 34; Chick Webb 41, S.S. Wizards 28; Horsemen A.C. 65, S.S. Wizards 38; N. Panthers 38, Spartans 19.

Body Also Continues Ban on 'Jumpers'

Richmond Franchise Held Under Advisement; Johnson Re-elected

By ART CARTER

NEW YORK—Taking a drastic move in an effort to bring expenses in line with the dwindling attendance experienced by all clubs last season, the Negro National League, Monday, approved an economy plan limiting each club players' pay roll to $6,000 per month.

The new financial program, which gained unanimous approval, puts the NNL's payroll practices in conformity with the rival Negro American League, which two weeks ago, adopted the same limitation.

The NNL, holding its annual winter session at the Theresa Hotel, also voted to continue the ban against former league players who jumped the loop to play in Mexico and South American countries two years ago, re-elected its entire slate of officers, and discussed ways and means of improving its publicity and promotional programs.

An attempt to increase the league membership from a six-club circuit to an eight-club organization failed when only one new city made an application for a franchise. The application of the Richmond Giants, owned by Wilbur Sutton, 37, Richmond businessman, was tabled on the grounds that an unbalanced seven-club loop would face forthcoming difficulties to the present trouble-some task of scheduling.

It was expected that an application would have been forthcoming from a baseball group interested in the Brooklyn franchise. The Brooklyn, but failure to receive the anticipated Brooklyn franchise bid jeopardized Richmond's chance of gaining NNL membership.

Look to Next Year

The Giants, managed by Robert Clarke, former Baltimore Elite Giants catcher, and Joe Myles, business manager, had a successful season in its first year of existence in Virginia last year. The team played several exhibition games with NNL clubs, in addition to a number of interracial contests, and would have received serious consideration from NNL officials if another city had made application.

Sutton, Myles and Clarke who came here for the meeting were not too disappointed in the outcome of the franchise application and indicated that they would be in a better position next year to meet the NNL terms.

The meeting to reinstate the players, who were barred for five years, two years ago, after they jumped the loop to play in foreign lands, was favored by the Philadelphia Stars representative, who has gained little consideration from the other clubs.

To Stand by Ruling

Most of the players involved are "big names" in baseball and it was pointed out that their return may help to bolster the dwindling gates. However, the NNL felt that it had to stand by its previous ruling.

Among the players involved are Roy Welmaker, former Homestead Grays pitcher; Bus Clarkson and Marvin Williams, ex-Philly Stars infielder; Bill Wright, former Elite Giants outfielder, and Dave Danridge, infielder. Leon Day, pitcher, and Bill Ruffin, catcher, all formerly of the Newark Eagles.

More than a score other players also are involved, many of whom are still playing below the border, though Welmaker is currently in the States.

Johnson Re-elected

The Rev. John H. Johnson was re-elected for four more years as president of the NNL, while Alex Pompez was named vice-president; Curtis Leake, secretary, and Joe Manley, treasurer.

The efforts to arrange a better schedule will be furthered in a joint session with the NAL early next month. The NNL hopes to arrange a scheduling system which will permit inter-league contests as well as exhibitions to be counted as league games.

The schedule-makers also will seek to formulate a plan that will permit regular rotation of clubs in the various cities instead of the previous method whereby one club frequently opposed another on the latter's home grounds several times before another member team played there.

Details of the scheduling as well as the publicity program are to be worked out within the next six weeks.

No Trades

No trades or transfer of players were announced.

The new $6,000 monthly salary plan for each club is expected to create quite a problem inasmuch as it will necessitate considerable cuts in players' salaries. With a maximum roster of 20 allowed, each club, the average salary per player will be $300 per month, which is far less than many of the salaries of the past four years, though comparable to the pre-war average.

The new pay scale does not involve non-playing managers. It was pointed out in the discussion that while salaries have been raised steadily in the past two years, and expenses of operation have increased, attendance figures have decreased to the pre-war level.

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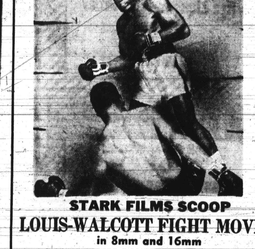

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CAMDEN STARTERS—Ability and not race counts on Camden High's basketball team. Enrico Cipriani is the sole white player on the starting line-up, although the Camden population is 89.8 white. From left to right are Lonnie McClenny, Ronald Lewis, George Thomas, Cipriani, and Knobby Fisher.

—Lu Art Photo

Minor Loops Snub Colored Applications

NEW YORK—The National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, which is the official name of the minor leagues, turned down applications of the Negro American and National Leagues for membership, it was revealed here this week.

George M. Trautman, president of the NAPBL, replying to the NNL and NAL executives, said that he was in "sympathy" with the leagues' problems but that circumstances would not permit them to become affiliated with the minors at this time.

Trautman pointed out that territorial rights was the primary reason that a serious consideration could not be given the request at this time, citing the fact that stalemates at the two leagues' clubs play in parks owned and operated by current members of the NAPBL.

He agreed to discuss the matter with the loop officials at some future time with the hope of working out something that may lead to their entrance into organized baseball.

Ex-Va. State Grid Star Has Praises for Hawaii Following Season There

By FRED LEIGH

"If you have anything to offer, then you can make it in Hawaii."

That's what I declared in an interview, Thursday, following a successful season with the Honolulu Warriors, Pacific Coast League professional champions, who won seven halfback from Virginia State, de-spite the loss of nine games. Charley (Bumper) Price, 230-pound former all-CIAA Charley Price Price, who received a tryout with the Los Angeles Dons last August, was recommended to the Warriors along with Oscar Givens, Morgan State College star, and Tainsadge Owens, Clark University gridder, by Coach Don De Groff, after a cut was made in the Dons' squad.

"You can't beat it in Hawaii. Opportunities are good," exclaimed Price at his home in Alexandria, Va.

Back to School

He plans to re-enter Virginia State in February to do post-graduate work in physical education until June. Then he will take another try at professional football if he can land a good offer, he said.

Price returned to the United States, Dec. 16 by plane, following termination of the grid season and a teaching position he held there.

He taught physical education at Kaimiki High School five weeks, handling six classes of 32 pupils daily. His job was terminated after a slash in the school's budget, necessitating the dropping of 40 teachers.

The education system in Hawaii is ideal," said Price, who pointed out that beginning teachers with B.S. degrees start at $2,700 annually. Salaries are increased in proportion to an individual's education.

"The coaching system is a model there," Price declared. "Coaches receive from $300-$500 bonuses in each seasonal sport, regardless of the team's record. This aids to alleviate a lot of personal grudges among coaches who fare better than other," he said.

About $300 Per Game

Although Price didn't disclose the salary he made with the Warriors, he revealed that the players were paid in the neighborhood of $300 per game. The first year the Warriors operated all players received $300 per game, but went into debt, and resulted in a cut in the same figure this season.

The Warrior's average attendance figure was close to 20,000 per game with the last four games being sellouts with 28,000 fans.

The University of Hawaii is planning to enlarge its stadium to 51,000 capacity, indicating the attitude the people have regarding sports.

Price had a lot of praise for Givens, first-string quarterback, and Owens, brother of Illinois's Ike Owens, tops of the last four games. Givens finished third in passing in the league.

With the Newark Eagles seeking Givens, it is questionable whether he will return next fall. It is generally known that Givens would have no difficulty in rejoining the team, if he decided to return, he said.

Price felt sure that both Owens and Big John Brown may join the Broadway Clowns, a professional basketball team operating in the midwest.

Beating the Gun

By ALVIN MOSES

NEW YORK (ANP)—We gave you our side of what the Negro baseball leagues may expect to encounter come the 1948 season, and now we pass on for your consideration and criticism this piece which appeared in the N.Y. Daily Mirror, Dan Parker's column, of Jan. 6.

"Mrs. Effa Manley, owner of the Newark Eagles of the Negro National league and probably the smartest woman operator in the game, thinks Roy Campanella, Montreal backstop, is by far the best colored player in organized baseball, and wonders, with good catchers so scarce in the majors, why he hasn't been rought up.

"Well, for one thing, Campanella had been in the Dodger farm system for only two seasons and therefore won't be eligible for draft until the end of the 1948 campaign. Meantime, he's on ice for the Great White Father in Montreal where ice is cheaper even than double talk.

"Mrs. Manley, like all other club owners in colored baseball, is worried over the alarming drop in attendance reported by the colored leagues last season. Colored fans swarmed into National and American League parks to see Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby and in doing so, half of them forgot about their own leagues.

"The Eagles had a record-breaking opening day crowd of 12,552 in 1947 but their season's total dropped from 120,293 (if 1946 to 57,100 in 1947. Every club in the two leagues suffered proportionately.

"Thus the livelihood of 240 colored ballplayers is being jeopardized because two of their number have attained a goal that once seemed impossible of attainment for members of their race. This is an angle of Jackie Robinson's success that hasn't received as much publicity as Jackie's feats during his first year.

THE MELTING POT

On the Effa Manley-Dan Parker chat aneth the above subject, you will recall that I wrote you upon the identical subject after Robinson won the International league batting title, during the "Jackie Robinson Day" festivities, and only two weeks ago in this column I continue to say that COLORED FANS must support the colored leagues, "proving ground" of future big league draftings, for if they fail to do so, COLORED YOUTHS will no longer attain promise as being of sufficient caliber to even interest scouts for white clubs, and baseball as a great game of ours will lose its appeal

KEN SMITH, Daily Mirror columnist writing on Jan. 7, said this: "LEO DUROCHER was back in the Brooklyn Dodger driver's seat yesterday, disclaiming any truce with the umpires, stirring up a line up rubarb and taking a vague dig at the Giants." Speaking of Jackie Robinson, he reportedly said: "JACKIE ROBINSON is a better second baseman than first baseman and if we find a first-baseman from among rookies Ward, Douglas, Connors or somebody else I'll try him at second.

"Ed Stankey was right when he said recently that you don't win a job in the winter ... You can bet that Robbie would have to take second base away from him in man-to-man competition. That's the kind of a guy Eddie is. But right now Robinson is our first baseman. I would try everybody else there before I'd attempt to bring PEE REESER into the infield."

West Philly Ace's 27 Points Tell Story

West Philadelphia High School's classy basketball team, aided by Jim Williams's 27 markers, added two more Public League victims to its sifting last week.

Williams, who teams at forward with his brother Hardy, found the hoop for 11 markers as the Speed-boys downed Roxborough High, 68-63, and upped his point-total to 16 in their 54-31 rout of Benjamin Franklin High. Both games were played at 47th and Walnut Sts.

AS I SEE IT

By AL SWEENEY

WASHINGTON

If this writer were to point out the most outstanding miscarriage of educational justice in the history of any institution, it would be the dirty deal dealt John H. Burr by Howard University authorities at the beginning of the current school term.

The consciences of the guiding lights of the Hilltop institution, who were responsible for his demotion, should play havoc with their mental capacities in such a fashion that they shrink from the sight of themselves in a mirror.

The only crime that Burr has ever committed at Howard, if it can be called that, was his unquestioned devotion to the institution over a period of 20 years.

This writer over a period of years has often taken Burr to task on numerous over which we didn't see eye to eye. Yet, I have never had anything other than a healthy respect for his sincerity.

I have often poured top-grade verbal wrath in his direction for refusing to take a militant stand on issues, but the Howard instructor has always accepted the criticism in manly fashion and offered an explanation for his refusal to take a stand.

Burr went to Howard in 1927, fresh out of Springfield College as one of the finest physical schools in the nation, if not the finest.

He worked at the institution during the years as athletic director, phasis and during an era when the physical education department was more or less treated like a step-child of the institution.

During the last-World War, Burr was a one-man staff in the physical education department and carried on all of the duties of that department, duties that were formerly handled by three men.

His reward for that service, plus heading the department early in 10 years, was an ungracious demotion.

About two years ago, Burr was stripped of his basketball coaching duties, even though he did an adequate coaching job with the material that was given him during his 18 years as a basketball coach.

He was no miracle man as a cage coach, but he developed champion-ship teams, when he had the stuff.

His successor will be able to do no more. At the present time Howard has more good basketball material than any other school in the nation.

If they manage to win a cage title, it will be because of their abundance of material and not because of any super-human effort turned in by the present mentor.

I believe that Burr has been given a bum shake at Howard. He has had numerous offers to handle posts at other schools, but has turned them down, because of his love for the school and also because it would be pretty tough for him, who has had a job for 20 years, as Burr has done, to suddenly move to another location.

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