

# Black Panther Co-Founder Bobby Seale Speaks On History, Civil Rights

By: Justin Hurley Staff Writer

On the night of February 09, 2023, a living legend passed his wisdom on to a full auditorium of students locals. Introduced by Pharaoh, President of the Black and Latino Student Union, Bobby Seale, a co-founder of the Black Panthers Party (BPP), sat down with Ainsley Thomas, Chief Diversity Officer for HVCC, for an interview about the history and impact of the Black Panther Party on the United States. Mr. Seale's personality and charm were on full display as he recounted his own personal history and the people that influenced him and his work for social change.

Born in Liberty, Texas October 22, 1936, Chairman Seales' father, George Seale, moved his family to Berke-

ley, California as part of "The Great Migration" in 1944. "The Great Migration" was a mass movement of African American families from the southern US to the north to escape poverty and segregation between 1910-1970. Seale spoke on the history of his family builders and carpenters, as well as the racist policies and economic difficulties African Americans faced that forced communities to work together.

Chairman Seale went on to be a veteran of the United States Air Force and attend Merritt College, where he would go on to meet Huey P. Newton, another African-American revolutionary and political activist.

When it came to the formation of the Black Panther Party, Seale would attribute it to the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 and the subsequent riots that

broke out across the US. He recounts being invited to the funeral of Dr. MLK by Marlon Brando, who he praised the entire night as one of the biggest supporters of the BPP. This was also the event where he would meet other actors and groups that would go on to help fund the BPP through donations for programs like the Breakfast Program, and events such as self-defense classes.

While understanding that violence is an option, Chairman Seale stressed the importance of nonviolence and the need for more people of color in seats of power, from federal to local.

"It was an honor to be able to interview Chairman Seale," Ainsley Thomas

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Chairman Bobby Seale, and Chief Diversity Officer, Ainsley Thomas



BLSU Leader, Pharoah, Chairman Bobby Seale, and Staff Writer Justin Hurley

# Foreign Language & Culture Club Connects Through Diversity

**By: Peter Conroy** Jr Creative Editor

While we all share the unity of being human, we are all vastly different and individualized at the same time. Over the course of humanity's development, different tures have developed.

groups have formed and began analyzing, perceiving, and interacting with the world in their own ways. Through this, beautiful and unique cul-

If you would like to learn about the cultures of the world, the Foreign Language and Culture



Club is the place for you. This club invites students to come in and discuss their own personal cultures, as well as learn about the cultures of their peers.

The Club goes anywhere from ethnic restaurants in the Capital Region, to Irish Dancing performances - and every other Thursday, upon approval, the Foreign Language and Culture Club plans to view foreign films and TV shows to provide students with a chance to see how different cultures have utilized these mediums throughout the years.

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## President Biden's State Of The Union: "We're just getting started."

By: Niamh Clarke Staff Writer

On Tuesday, February 7th, President Biden talked about his achievements as President, the division in our government, inflation, democracy threats, and police accountability.

President Biden pleaded to his republican counterparts for unity. Biden stated that in his past two years in office, they proved that Republicans and Democrats are able to work together, and it was only going to get better from there. President Biden heavily took note of the divided government.

Biden highlighted the



achievements his fice made in the past two years many times throughout his speech; low drug prices, increased taxes on the rich, affordable childcare and housing, and the 50 year low rate of unemployment. Biden spoke on the tax system we have

of- in the United States saying it is unfair, and the wealthy need to be paying their fair share. Biden stated that billion dollar companies had to pay at least 15%, "No

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#### This Week's Events

Open Gym 2p-4p, McDonough

Tue 14

**Student Assembly** Advocacy Day 9a-3:30pm, Empire State Plaza

Valentine's Day **Event** 12p-1:30p Siek

**Hudsonian Fund-**

Lobby

raiser

10a-2p Siek Lobby

Yoga 12p Siek 260

Wed 15

NYSDoT Recruitment **Table** 10a-2p Siek Lobby

**St Rose Transfer** Advisement

10a-1:30p Siek Lobby

Pizza Time 1p Siek Lobby

**COVID Booster** Clinic 3p-6p BTC Lobby

Thrs 16

**Nursing Open House** and Job Fair

10a-4p FTZ Center, Nursing Lab

Flamenco & Jazz **Performer Juanito Pascual** 

12p-1p BTC Auditorium

**Black History Month Movie Series: The** Help

2p-4:30 Siek 202

**Volunteer Income** Tax Assistance Pro-

1p-4p BTC 216

#### SEALE

stated after the event, "I first found out about the Black Panther Party when I was in high school and thought they were very brave for the positions that they took on social issues. Some of my understanding of what they were trying to do was also skewed by the narrative that the media was presenting to the public of them being a threat to public safety."

Thomas went on to elaborate on the new information he'd discovered during his conversation with Chairman Seale, having learned the Black Panthers were a legitimate political party like Republicans and Democrats, and used the Ten-Point Program as their platform; a set of guidelines to the Black Panther Party that states their ideals and ways of operation, described as a "combination of the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence."

"I was not aware that so many Hollywood elites and other types of philanthropists were supporting them as well," Thomas added, "In addition, Mr. Seale and his family were well-to-do and were people skilled in the trades and farming. I learned that it is best to receive information from the source and make your own conclusion. There are times when public narratives are spun from the perspective of the state, and we must question why that is being done."

Thomas also states that he seconds Chairman Seale's encouragement for the younger generations to run for office and join lawmakers who create the policies that influence our commu-

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Pharaoh, who had the honor of presenting Chairman Seale, was kind enough to speak with us as well. "It was a great honor to meet him, as the last founding member of the BPP. As a Black kid growing up, I was in that era that thought they were pretty cool, and they always inspired me. So, I want to pass on to the next generation to inspire them... Mr. Seale talked about keeping to ourselves and fixing up the black community before we operate outside of the community. I agree with that. We need to thrive as a community for future generations."

More seminars, events, and speakers will be occurring throughout the month. These events can be found in our weekly publications, as well as on HVCC's events page at events.hvcc.edu.



#### **CLUB**

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An opportunity that students can utilize to experience other cultures on campus is the Cultural Connections Café, hosted in the **HVCC** Marvin Faculty Wing, Room 105, at 2 p.m. on Mondays. The goal of this program is to help international students learn the cultural customs of the U.S. to ease themselves into American and avoid culture shock, an experience that can happen to anyone if they find themselves in a culture they are unfamiliar with. As international students are learning about the norms of American culture. American students have the opportunity to learn about the international student's cultures, so it is beneficial to everyone involved.

Through the Foreign Language and Culture Club and the Cultural Connections Café, students aim to create wonderful opportunities for cultural diffusion to hap-

Meeting Times: Thursday, 2pm, BRN 112.

Advisor: Natasha Anthony, n.anthony@hvcc.

President: Peter Conroy, p-conroy@hvcc.edu.

**Cultural Connections** Café: Catherine Willis, c.willis@hvcc.edu.

### Who Can Say No To Free Money? Scholarships Available Now



By: Grant N. Staff Writer

You have free money waiting for you right

Until March 15th, HVCC is accepting scholarship requests for the fall semester, and there is an opportunity for everyone.

At the HVCC Foundations office, Gigi Ben-Ami was kind enough to talk to me about some

scholarship process.

"I've never talked to a student who wasn't eligible for some type of scholarship," she said, taking me through a list of offers.

There are still over one scholarships hundred available, ranging from Hygiene, or Medical specified areas of study to select graduates of certain high schools. If you graduated from Oneonta High School, you could

of the intricacies of the be awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. If you graduated from Troy with a 3.0 or higher GPA and are enrolled in a Physician Assistant, Nursing, Respiratory Ther-Radiological apy, Technology, Dental

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#### **SCHOLARSHIP**

Laboratory Technology program, there is a \$500 incentive. Now, those are just for graduates of high schools. There are scholarships available for most selective majors, with an exorbitant amount in STEM areas. Even if you have taken time off from

school, there are select opportunities for students ages 25 and up. Despite these opportunities, most of these are going unused.

"Not nearly enough people are taking advantage of this opportunity. Maybe twenty to thirty people had come in." Gigi stated. These numbers are barely a fraction of the offers available. It's an exceptionally straightforward process as well. If you aren't too comfortable in interface. social situations, or are looking to apply online, they've made it incredibly

easy. By visiting https:// hvcc.academicworks. com/opportunities, you can find all the available scholarships and apply in a simple, straightforward

Not only can you see what scholarships are offered by HVCC, you can also find other scholarships available from outside the organization as

Enrolling in college can often cause a lot of monetary burden, but whether you are a recent graduate or have been out of school and are coming

back, a quick trip to the Foundations office in FTZ 131 can help potentially relieve some of the stress.

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#### **BIDEN**

Some feel that President Biden deflected the problems in the economy and made himself look like a fighter in the economy. Biden empathized and tried to build connections with the middle class stating "Make sure the economy works for everyone. When the middle class does well, the poor have a ladder up, and the wealthy still do well. We all do well."

President Biden shifted his attention toward blue collar workers in his speech. He also spoke about giving public school teachers higher wages. As a career that our country depends

**FROM PAGE 1** billionaire should be paying less taxes than a school

teacher or a firefighter." The economy was also a hot topic. The United States has been seeing increasing gas prices and food prices nationwide. Many aren't able to keep up with the increasing prices and it is starting to take its toll. President Biden said that inflation is a global problem, and that Covid disrupted the supply chain and Putin's cruel war on Ukraine is only making it worse. President Biden also claimed that the U.S. is in a better position with inflation than other countries.

on, they aren't being paid livable wages. Teachers have master's degrees, yet more and more teachers have to have a second job after a full day of teaching.

"Something good must come from this."

President Biden

State of the Union Address 2023





Many teachers are leaving the career field because of low pay and burnout, resulting in America's very low increase in teachers.

It was hard to miss the claims he made about Republicans that ended in people from the chambers booing him, and going so far as to scream that he is a "liar". President Biden claimed that some republicans wanted social security and medicare to "sunset". Biden says if you don't believe him, he has the receipts, and he will do everything in his power to make sure the savings of the American people are going to be protected and not taken away.

President Biden also emphasized threats to democracy and how the United States must confront hate and extremism in the world. "Beau, Hunter, Ashley — my children - I never had to have the talk with them. I never had to tell them, 'If a police officer pulls you over, turn your interior lights on right away. Don't reach for your license. Keep your hands on the steering wheel;.."

Imagine having to worry like that every single time your kid got in a car. Police accountability was also a topic of his speech, referring to the recent death of 29 year old Tyre Nichols in Memphis in the hands of the law. Biden urged that we need to hold accountability. Parents of Tyre Nichols were in attendance at the State of the Union address, with President Biden quoting Tyre Nichols mother on the death of her son, "Something good must come from this."

President Biden also talked about the Fentanyl Crisis that has been spreading throughout the nation.

In summary, Joe Biden addressed some of the major issues our country has been having. Some have different opinions on



# Weekly Student Senate Updates To Resume

# Staff Writer

Every week the HVCC Student Senate (SS) meets to discuss the issues affecting the student body and work together to come to possible solutions. The topics range from authorizing funding for clubs and events to working with the Board of Education, and advocating for the students they represent.

It's because they represent the student body, that the information and issues they discuss are made easily available for every student that attends HVCC.

This weekly article is disabilities. meant to inform the students of HVCC of important information being discussed at the SS and introduce the student senators, so if you have any issues or questions, you will know whom to talk to.

This week, the main topic for SS president, Robert Dungan, was the February 8th Student Empowerment Day rally. Pres. Dungan stressed the importance of this rally to the school's Center for Access and Assistive Technology (C.A.A.T), which is attending this rally to increase funding for students with

The next discussion point came from the SS Secretary, Brady Oles, who announced that the Engineer Science Club is offering Arduino UNO coding and circuitry lessons on Mondays at 2 pm in Amstuz Hall, room 103. For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Lucas M Abate at, l-abate@hvcc.edu

The SS moved on to old business, and the first piece of business was the appointment of Senators, Daimon Brown, and Ultan Gaylord, to vice chairs for the rules committee.

With a vacancy in

with a unanimous vote of "for", Senator Ameera Aftab was voted into the Treasurer position. Senator Ulton Gaylord was also unanimously voted for to become the freshman-class president. With only one abstaining from the vote, Senator Sean Sampler is now the senior-class president.

The last piece of major business was a discussion about the upcoming SUNY Student Advocacy Day on February 14th, in Albany, NY.

The senate discussed a statement of support for SUNY/CUNY's Student Advocacy Day, written President Dungan,

the SS Treasurer seat, and released to the executive board (E-Board) for consideration. Senator Daimon Brown made it known that, while they agree with the content of the statement, they were unhappy with not being allowed to review it before it was sent to the e-board, a sentiment shared with other Senators. The SS voted 4-1 in agreement to release the statement.

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Frankie Coon Staff Writer

The hold that U2 had over rock music, and the direction of the genre throughout the late 80s and 90s cannot be overstated. In a decade where bands from previous eras were burning out, trying to get with the new synth-heavy commercial sound of the time, U2 were stoically within the sonic confines of the decade. For the most part, rock music in the 80s was confined to underground venues like CBGB and various punk clubs. It wasn't really common to find challenging, or forward thinking music in the mainstream until later in the decade.

U2 started out as a Christian rock band, yet there was a secular nature to most of their work. Their lyrics always relied upon general emotional resonance, and vivid imagery both in the lyrics and in the sound. When they started making more focused political music, like on their album War, it was an unexpected but highly successful turn. Their next three records really defined them as one of the most influential bands of their era. All three records produced by studio wizard Brian Eno, U2 evolved into a new highly textured, and spiritual band. Their songs became transcendent from their Christian roots, and instead portrayed reflections of the vulnerable journey of life.

The Joshua Tree is by far the most spiritual rock album of the 80s. From the second the muddied synth waves enter the hemisphere on "Where The



# The Joshua Tree (1987)



Streets Have No Name," the album becomes more and more captivating. Guitars twinkle, and fade in the mix, and become simultaneously propulsive and discreetly ambient in the soundscape of the album. As Bono's voice soars, the production continues to be more glistening and sparkly. The album kicks off with a spectacular five track run, and while the album does tail off a little bit in the second half, the project remains remarkably consistent.

is palpable, and there's many

memorable moments on the songs themselves just in terms of a listening experience. The track "Bullet The Blue Sky" for example, the reverb soaked and smoky slide guitar soaring through the channels of the mix at the beginning is just exhilarating. There are also quieter, more subtle moments that stick in my mind throughout the album, like the way the bassline caresses the vocals on "With or Without You," or the heart thumping kick drum on "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For".



I would recommend listening to this album simply for the experience alone. It's one of those albums that you keep going back to over and over again. If you appreciate music that sounds good on a technical level, or if you appreciate sensitivity in art, this would be perfect for you. It is simply great rock music.

The Joshua Tree is emblematic of the yearnings of love, the quiet cries of loss, and the desire to find meaning in this world. A message that is true to the human experience as well as an earnest vessel expression of U2's trajectory as a band. It's rare to find a mainstream album from the eighties as emotionally raw as The Joshua Tree, and while the existential nature of Bono's lyrics can border on pretentiousness, that earnest nature makes it hard to be cynical.

What does it mean to be connected to your surroundings, or even to oneself? Maybe, we will never find an answer ourselves, but The Joshua Tree proves the journey as worthwhile. Through the beauty and pain of life, we are all experiencing a remarkable quest. The Joshua Tree doesn't answer the questions of life, it ponders them. What we search for as meaning in our lives is an endless journey, and as U2 said themselves "I still haven't found what I'm looking for."

The atmosphere of the album



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## Short Story: Treasure

By: Grant N. Staff Writer

A treasure is relative to those who find it. For a man who has nothing but a thatched hut and the clothes on his back, hundreds of miles away from the nearest person, what does a million, a billion dollars, do for him? For the man who has it all, not a worry in his life, what is a loaf of bread or a trapped rabbit?

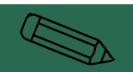
Our basement, dark and dreary. There was a corner I loved to play in though. There was one spot where the light shone through the small window, and the floor had a bit of carpet, just at the end of the stairwell. Cleaned up just for my brother and I, safe and sound. The rest of the basement, however, was filled with junk. Sharp nails, forgotten trinkets and boxes, the pool of water where we could never find the source. The supports, strained by the weight of the house would give us a good scare while they would settle. The walls cracked and chipped, having been around for ten of our young lives. When we were young, it was almost surreal, the perfect environment for gloomy, end-of-times battles or creepy, spider-focused pranks.

I had always wondered about my grandfather. He had died before I was born. My mother said he was a caring, protective man, a mentor. My father would never speak of him though. My mom said his death had taken its toll on my dad, and he had changed since the death. As I grew older, however, my mom spoke less and less well of him. Late at night, I loved to read. When I was supposed to be fast asleep, sometimes, I could hear them talking about this and that, usually interesting tales from the day and the sort. Yet the few times I heard my mother mention something about my father's father, it went silent. I was intrigued.

While playing alone one day, I decided to do the unthinkable; venture alone into the depths of the basement. Deep inside the basement, almost completely opposite of where we would play, there was a box that had caught my eye. Moved quite frequently, but never by my brother or me. While I approached the box, I felt a weight on my chest. Not a sense that I didn't belong, or was doing something wrong. A pressure I had never felt before. I opened the box and saw folders with neat, precise handwriting. Photos of my dad and aunts from when they were the same age as I. Pictures of him playing basketball which I had never seen, and running cross country, which I had never known he had done. What else had he not told me? I was learning more and more about my father's secret life. As I went through the box, I found a journal. It was in pristine condition, almost as if it was straight off the shelves, with the same handwriting spelling my grandfather's name on the cover.

I opened the journal, to hope and get a glimpse of what he was like. What incredible stories I would never hear from my parents about this wonderful man I had never met would I find? I carefully, yet excitedly opened the notebook, and I read a page. Then two. Then ten. As I read, I felt that weight again. Pushing down on me. What had gone wrong? This wasn't who I knew, these weren't my idealistic imaginations coming to fruition on the page before me. Was I wrong? Was my mother wrong? All I knew for sure was that my Grandfather, he was

I put everything back, exactly as I had found it. The box back into its place, not an inch to the left or right. I left it right back where it belongs, in the dark, smelly, far-to-reach corner of the basement. While some treasures are wonderful, a culmination of your goals and aspirations come to fruition, some are better left untouched. People may say the journey itself was the reward, the thought of what you may find better than the end result. Those people may be onto something.



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Weekly astrological horoscopes by: Marie Williams (Editor in Chief)



March 21st April 19th

Something's got you picking sides this week, Aries. It may have you feeling like there's no riaght choice in this scenario you've found yourself in, or that you may have to choose the lesser of two evils. This can leave you with a lingering sense of confusion and irritation. What can you do to make things easier?



April 20th May 20th

This week you could be coming into an abundance of good luck, Taurus. There's a sense of power and security surrounding you - if you haven't tapped into it and are feeling like you aren't, perhaps leaning on those around you is the key to your stability. Knowing when to ask for help is important.



May 21st

decisions to be made and deadlines are approaching faster than you thought they would. During times of rapid movement, June 20th

it's important to try and make space to pull back and think clearly.

There's a lot happening around you,

Gemini, and it feels like it's all happening

at once, and it's all happening fast. There's



**June 21st** July 22nd

When things start to get complicated for you, Cancer, your goal is to come at it from a clear-headed perspective. Complex issues require complex thought, and being in the right headspace to solve your problems is important. How can you make things simpler and easier to handle this week?



Aug 22nd

You may be having it a bit rougher than you were expecting recently, Leo. Everything you thought you knew feels like it got ripped out from under you, and you may have your relationships tested. Know that you are not alone, and that even though it seems hard, this too shall pass.



Sep 22nd

Nov 22nd

Dec 21st

You know that cycles begin and cycles end, you just don't like to think about it. Consider that not every ending has to be harmful; this could be a chance for you to bring yourself back into the light,

reviving your inner energy.

When you see the end coming, Virgo,

you're always tempted to look away.



While normally your firey nature gives you that spark to fight through your problems with ease, something may be causing you to be hesitant. You're afraid to lose something, or miss out. The unkown can be confusing and scary, and when it hits, it hits hard. Take things a

day at a time - there's no need to fret.



Sep 23rd Oct 22nd

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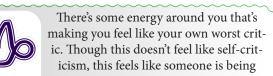
Jan 19th

When you hold onto the past, you are only holding yourself back. You may think you can't change nature, but change is nature, Libra. By clinging to the past, you create unrealistic expectations of your future, and this leaves you feeling stressed out and incomplete. Sometimes, you need to let go of the reins.



Nov 21st

This week may be feeling like a lot for you, Scorpio. Why do things seem to be so easy for everyone else? Consider that perhaps the grass may not be as green on the other side as it seems. Your neighbor may have astroturf. When you're feeling insecure, remember to try and be objective. Things aren't always what they seem.



rather unnecessarily mean to you lately. Trust your instincts, someone around you may not being as honest as you'd like to hope they are.



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It's all or nothing this week it seems, Aquarius. You're either obsessing over something, or completely putting it off. No matter which end of the spectrum you're on, it feels like all this work is going unrewarded. How can you make for a better, more beneficial balance in your life?



Mar 20th

dence lately, Pisces. This may leave you feeling overwhelmed, but it's important to recognize that you don't need others' validation to be okay. You need to search within yourself and recognize your victories rather than downplaying them. You've got this.

You may have felt a blow to your confi-

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# VIKING CHECKLIST

		YES
O1	ATTENDED AN EVENT ON CAMPUS	
02	DONE LAST MINUTE HOMEWORK IN THE COMPUTER LAB AFTER PROCRASTINATING ALL WEEK	
03	CHILLED IN THE CAMPUS CENTER	
04	READ THE HUDSONIAN ( AS YOU SHOULD! )	
O5	VISITED A PROFESSOR DURING THEIR OFFICE HOURS	
06	WENT TO A HOME OR AWAY GAME	
07	GOT A SLICE OF FREE PIZZA ON PIZZA DAYS	
08	JOINED A CLUB	
09	RIDDEN THE CDTA USING YOUR STUDENT ID	
10	FROZE WHILE WASLKING TO CLASSES IN THE WINTER	
11	ATTENDED A STUDENT SENATE MEETING	
12	HAD COFFEE WITH PRESIDENT RAMSAMMY	

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