An individual died by suicide falling from the North Garage on 10th and San Fernando streets, at around 2:15 p.m. on Monday. Frank Belcastro, San Jose State UPD Captain, confirmed that the individual took their own life.

The individual “was not a faculty member, staff member or a currently enrolled SJSU student,” wrote Charlie Faas, vice president for administration and finance, in a campuswide email Monday. “Our common humanity means that we feel this tragedy acutely, and it also serves to remind us of the importance of community and being open to asking for and accepting help,” Faas wrote.

Belcastro said there was no criminal activity or threat to campus following the events. AlertSJSU notified the campus community that the North Garage was closed for police activity in the afternoon. After the garage was closed for several hours on Monday afternoon, the campus was locked down.

Title IX forum addresses student, faculty concerns

The Title IX Office and San Jose State’s Chief of Staff, Lisa Millora, hosted a listening session for students to share what they want to see in SJSU’s new Title IX and Gender Equity Officer on Tuesday and Thursday. SJSU’s Interim Title IX and Gender Equity Officer, Peter Lim, is helping the university rebuild its Title IX Office since Feb. 21, 2022, according to a May 30, 2022 email by the university’s former Interim President, Stava Perez.

Title IX is a federal law that protects students and employees in educational settings from discrimination based on sex or gender, according to a California Department of Education webpage.

Lim said the Title IX Office’s role is to respond to reports of any form of discrimination that is done based on sex or gender, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking and more.

“Our goal, of course, is always to foster gender equity across our campus and in all of our education programs or activities,” Lim said.

Lim also communicates with external agencies that interact with the Title IX Office.

He said the listening sessions are meant to give the campus community an opportunity to share what they want from the Title IX Office and to share ideas on how it can improve.

“[Students] have a very specific perspective to bring,” Millora said.

The department and SJSU reached a $1.6 million settlement after concluding the university failed for more than a decade to respond adequately to reports of sexual harassment and sexual assault against female student athletes, according to a Sept. 21, 2021 news release.
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reopened, 10th Street between San Fernando and Santa Clara Streets remained closed to traffic.
Belcastro said students already inside the garage after its closure were free to leave, but some of them were questioned by UPD as potential witnesses.
Associated Students President Nina Chung said she was in the middle of an Academic Senate meeting when she found out about what happened at the North Garage.

"Something like this, it's just shocking. Literally, in the senate meeting today, I tried not to cry," she said.
Chung said she sends her condolences to the family, people affected and to the commuter students who use the garage.

"I think it's important for us as a community to really band together and support one another during this time," she said. "My hope is that for any really sad, really saddening event like this, that [students] don't lose hope on their future — they don't lose hope on who they are as individuals — and to know that our campus community is trying its best and it's doing its best to really support them.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Call or text 988 or chat at its website.

Feds open investigation after bank fail

By Alessio Cavalea
STAFF WRITER

More than 10 days after the Silicon Valley Bank collapse on March 10, the United States Department of Justice opened an investigation on the company on Friday, aiming to clarify and establish the causes behind the failure.

The Federal Reserve, the central bank of the U.S., announced that it will review the supervision and the regulations of Silicon Valley Bank, according to a March 13 press release.

"We need to have humility, and conduct a careful and thorough review of how we supervised and regulated this firm, and what we should learn from this experience," said Michael Barr, the Vice Chair for Supervision who is leading the review, in the press release.

Although the results of the inquiry will be public starting May 1, legal experts say the investigation may be open-ended.

"It's another way of making sure on our commitment to be open, and sharing information and consulting with our community about matters that are really important," she said.
Mullora said the input they received from students will be really important, "she said.
Villarreal said she agreed with students during the forum.
She said she thought all of the input was really valuable and that it is important to educate the campus on what Title IX is and what the Title IX Office does.
Lim said he agreed with students when they shared ideas about finding new ways to help the Title IX Office become more familiar to the campus community.
He said he thinks it is a brilliant idea to find ways to encourage people to engage with the office's resources before they need its services.
Mullora said it's important to demonstrate to the campus community that their input matters.
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He said the practice, also known as insider trading, is illegal and both on federal and state level.

Insider trading is the practice of trading on the stock exchange to one’s own advantage by having access to confidential information, according to the Oxford dictionary.

Dvorak said it is illegal for executives who own a bank or company to buy or sell their stocks when they know they have a bad business decision. Greg Becker, Silicon Valley Bank CEO, sold more than $3.5 million in stock weeks before the bank collapse, according to a March 10 Newsworx article.

Dvorak said even though a crime may have been committed, SJPD will send in U.S. attorney who will evaluate if a crime actually occurred.

However, the Silicon Valley Bank failure is not the only1 tumultuous event involving the U.S. banking and financial system.

On March 12, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation signed National Bank, another American financial institution presenting similar issues to those affecting Silicon Valley Bank, according to a March 14 New York Times article.

The event affected consequences for multiple U.S. banks that faced a significant drop of their stocks.

First Republic Bank stock values slid by 47% right after the Silicon Valley Bank failure precipitated down to nearly 90% according to a Monday New York Times article.

SJU economics assistant professor Justin Rietz said the stock market is unpredictable even if he was expecting some kind of movement after the Silicon Valley Bank collapse.

“You always have to make the assumption that the market knows more than you do,” Rietz said.

He said because these events tend to happen rapidly, it is not easy to predict the following consequences.

“Wednesday [March 8], no one publicly knew anything was wrong with Silicon Valley Bank,” Rietz said. “Suddenly they’re bankrupt and the government is, more or less, bailing them out in a matter of days.”

Although recent share value dropped in the stock market, the U.S. banking system seems to be further from the situations that precipitated the Wall Street financial crisis.

Dvorak said there are always ups and downs in the economy, but people have a tendency to overreact both on the high and the low side.

“This is not the Great Depression, this will come and pass,” Dvorak said.

It’s not 2008 with the craze that did with the food market. It is not the ‘82 recession.”

JSU finance assistant professor Matthew Faulkner said he thinks the Silicon Valley Bank collapse is more an isolated incident rather than the starting point of an extended and contagious financial crisis.

“I think overall since 2008, there’s been a lot more guardrails, a lot more stress testing around banks, banks are typically much better capitalized and issue better loans,” Faulkner said.

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**Webinar discusses police accountability**

By Matthew Gonzalez

San Jose Independent Police Auditor, Shivaun Nurre discusses potential advancement for her position on Monday evening.

She said the limited nature of the auditor’s role makes it difficult to go beyond police supervision and recommending policy changes.

“Only we’re supposed to be an advocate for the system, and they feel that we’re not pressing hard enough for the community, and so how they view the situation,” she said.

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**Crime Blotter**

Thief of Personal Property
March 16, 5:00 p.m. at Marist Learning Library, 100 Block of E San Fernando St
Active/Suspended

Probation Violation
March 17, 3:25 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr Library, 100 Block of E San Fernando St
Cleared by arrest

Occupancy Property without Consent
March 10, 10:47 p.m. at Industrial Studies/ 100 Block of S 9th St
Still open

**Vandalism**

March 13, 8:35 p.m. at Student Union, 100 Block of S 9th St
Still open

**Grand Theft: Stolen Copper**

Materials
March 14, 2:00 p.m. at North Garage, 0 Block of S 10Th St
Still open

**Obstruction**

March 14, 8:14 p.m. at 100 Block of E San Fernando St
Cleared by arrest

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By Oscar

Loss to Radford ends SJSU’s season

Senior guard Omare Moore bumps fists with Radford guard DaQuan Smith before SJSU’s matchup against Radford University on Monday.

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Plushies take over Student Union

By Christine Tran
STAFF WRITER

By attending campus events like Make-A-Plushie, San Jose State students can alleviate some of the tension that usually comes with midterms approaching.

Make-A-Plushie seemed to be one of the more popular events among the student population. Students were lining up for the event before it began at the Student Union Ballroom, with the line stretching to the first floor.

Those who attended the event had the option of choosing an unstuffed plushie cow, duck, giraffe or elephant and were given a bag of cotton stuffing.

Omar Garcia, manager of events and programs for the Student Union, said approximately 451 people registered and attended the event on Thursday.

Tables and chairs were scattered around the ballroom for seating, however, the overwhelming amount of people in attendance meant there was limited space.

It’s no surprise they ran out of unstuffed animals after an hour. Some students grabbed the materials needed for their plushie and left, but many were able to snag a table and sit with their friends.

Political science freshman Maria Vera said she expected a big line for Make-A-Plushie, so she rushed from her lab to be able to get first dibs on the cow plushies.

“I really love plushies and I saw there was like a cow plushie in the cover photo [of the Instagram flyer] and I just love cows. And I even came an hour early just to be first in line for the cow,” Vera said. “And I even came an hour early just to be first in line for the cow.”

Accounting senior Manit Dassani said the Student Union had already hosted Make-A-Plushie while the pandemic guidelines were in place, and he participated in the event through Zoom.

“[The Student Union] had us pick up the stuff during COVID that time, and it was pretty fun that time,” Dassani said.

Comparing his previous experience to Thursday’s event, Dassani said it’s very different to be in a huge space with so many students.

“I didn’t expect [the event] to be in this huge ballroom and I didn’t expect so many people [to attend],” he said.

Social science, preparation for teaching junior Caitlin Miller said the activity of making plushies definitely relieved her stress during COVID that time, and it was pretty fun that time,” Dassani said.

“I have a lot of stuffed animals at my place, so [I’m] adding to the collection,” she said.

Miller came with her group of friends and said it wasn’t hard to convince them to attend this event.

“I think they want to the previous one last semester or something,” she said.

“They said ‘Oh yeah, it’s go, because they wanted another stuffed animal,’” Overall, Miller noted her experiences at Make-A-Plushie 11 out of 10.

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SJSU groups put on talent show

1. Students from the Nigerian Student Association dance on stage.
2. Singer BIGBANKZ performs two songs to an audience of students at SJSU’s East x West Culture Show at the Student Union Theater.
3. Students from the Nigerian Student Association dance on stage and wave the flag of Nigeria.
4. Chike C. Nwoffi ah, educator, arts administrator and advocate, and a founding board member of the Alliance for California Traditional Arts, speaks to students in the audience about Ethiopia, the only African country that successfully defeated European colonizers, and Nigeria.
5. A alumni sings on stage at SJSU’s East x West Culture Show.
6. Students from the Nigerian Student Association and the Habesha Student Association Dance Team dance together on stage.
7. Student performers from the Habesha Student Association Dance Team dance on stage.
San Jose State students caught a break from the rain and enjoyed the weather as they gathered at Tower Lawn, relaxing on hammocks and inflatable sofas, feeling like everyone needed this. "What do you feel like everyone needed this?" Reyes said. "This is so nice – I feel like everyone needed this relaxation," Pasion said. After grabbing snacks, drinks and free stickers from the stations, Pham and Pasion enjoyed the cool breeze by running across the grass to inflate a blue sofa hammock, Reyes said she was on the way to the library with her friends when she heard music and saw students relaxing on Tower Lawn. We saw [the event] and was, like, 'Watt, we should stop there for a little bit,' " Reyes said. "So now we are relaxing and not thinking about studying!" Before settling into a hammock, Reyes said she grabbed Goldfish crackers and hermörken, Reyes said she was involved – we care about health issues over the last decade, students now before the problem gets worse. "Center should cater toward students," Frithyk said. "Do any events, as long as it takes their mind off of work or class work for a bit." Biochemistry freshman Anh Pham said she saw the event flier on Instagram weeks prior. "I feel like this event supports commuters and tells you, ‘You are involved – we care about you,’" Pham said. Public health freshman Frances Panson said she was very interested in the event being a committee herself. "Especially after midterm, I feel like everyone needed this relief," Panson said. After grabbing snacks, drinks and free stickers from the stations, Pham and Panson enjoyed the cool breeze by running across the grass to inflate a blue sofa to relax. "I had two exams this week... it was really bad," Pham said. "But now I sat down and was like, ‘This is so nice – I needed this’."
COVID-19 is still present in our everyday lives

March 19, 2020 is a day I don’t think many of us will forget. I still remember the moment the President, comforting my friends and coworkers, reassured them that “everything’s going to be fine.” I was sure it wouldn’t be as serious as it turned out to be because it never happened before.

There’s first time for everything. In December 2019, a new virus emerged from Wuhan, China, with the disease spreading quickly throughout the world. That disease became known as the coronavirus.

Attempts to contain the spread failed, and the world quickly realized how contagious the virus actually was.

COVID-19 spread through droplets and small airborne particles containing the virus, which creates a highly contagious environment for us to exist in along with this disease, according to an article by the World Health Organization.

The first time the students in our generation have lived through a pandemic that has affected so much of the world.

A pandemic is an epidemic of a disease spreading through a large region, specifically multiple continents or worldwide and affecting a significant number of people.

So my roommates and I ended up taking and completely working from home. I still think about that time, how no one really saw it coming, including myself.

I remember celebrating my partner’s job as a teacher a few days before the shelter-in-place order, wondering if we should even try this sushi restaurant to celebrate the fact he didn’t get laid off from work. Then on March 19, 2020, when California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered restaurants and gyms to close, we realized how our rent and lives were tied together, while “laid off” from my retail job until further notice. We would get retracted pay for the weeks we were laid off to work, but that wasn’t the plan.

The only thing that kept me afloat was the extension to California’s unemployment benefits from the extra funding from the federal government.

I would get $980 dollars a week, plus $600 up on top of that every two weeks. So from then on, I was being paid more than my retail job over paid. It was the first time I had ever seen money like that in my account. I actually had disposable income and was able to pay off some of my debt, something much bigger than I had been able to before, because of my undocumented status.

I was able to work on the weekends as a driver for a car, buy a new bed and do so many other things than I was able to before, because this time I had the help most people got from the government.

One of my roommates was able to get unemployment, but my other roommate wasn’t, because of her undocumented status.

Then the reality of the situation we were under really started to kick in. There were so many stories of landlords trying to evict people from their homes.

People with undocumented statuses were struggling to survive in a world where their income may possibly be lost.

The country was dealing with the virus every day. It was so difficult to try ignore the reality of the situation; thousands of people dying or getting sick daily, reading stories about children and entire families who were losing their homes because of the course of a few weeks, and donating to mutual aid funds for people’s families or care funds for those who got sick.

It was a terrible scenario knowing that at any minute this could be my reality, worrying about my parents who didn’t have any savings, having to make a decision about whether to live or die.

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It seems like now, more than before, with the government and everything relating to work and income, it is becoming harder to imagine a world with healthcare and a safety net in case disasters like the COVID-19 pandemic happen again.

What would society look like if we didn’t live in one of the most unequal and polarized countries in the world? What would happen if we continued to take COVID-19 as seriously as we did then?

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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

But also, the nostalgia leeds into what could happen if our government actually cared about what happened to us, what could happen if protests weren’t so largely suppressed in this country.

March 19, 2020 to March 19, 2023, two years, 146,800 hours, 8,812,000 minutes, 529,720,000 seconds, it seems like a world that might never go after everything.

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