



Weekly Crypto News Recap

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TOP STORIES OF THE WEEK

Breaking: Signature Bank closed by New York regulators, citing 'systemic risk'

Cointelegraph

New York-based Signature Bank, another crypto-friendly bank, has been closed down by its state charter authority. The Federal Reserve explained in a March 12 statement that the decision was made with the FDIC to protect the U.S. economy and strengthen public confidence in the banking system. The Federal Reserve backstopped all depositors of Signature Bank and Silicon Valley Bank, the latter also filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection this morning.

Circle's USDC instability causes domino effect on DAI, USDD stablecoins

Cointelegraph

The stablecoin ecosystem felt an immediate effect over the weekend as USDC depegged from the U.S. dollar after the failure of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB). The depegging accelerated Friday evening as Circle confirmed that it had ~\$3.3b of its ~\$40b of reserves held at SVB, noting that it initiated a wire on Thursday to remove the balances but it was not processed. USDC fell to ~\$0.88 and brought many other stables down with it before regaining its peg as the Fed announced it would backstop the uninsured deposits at SVB and Signature.

FDIC asked Signature buyers to stop all crypto business: Report

Cointelegraph

The FDIC has reportedly asked potential buyers of Signature Bank to discontinue the bank's crypto services. Signature was commonly viewed as one of the two largest banks supporting crypto in the U.S., and its Signet platform was widely used in the crypto industry to make USD payments 24/7/365. Signature's closure has been highly controversial as many crypto proponents believe it was a targeted regulatory attack on the industry. A spokesperson for the FDIC denied that any potential buyer must divest Signature's crypto activities as a prerequisite for the sale. Interested buyers are expected to submit bids by today.

Congressman Emmer attacks FDIC for 'weaponizing' bank closures to attack crypto

CryptoSlate

Tom Emmer, Republican Congressman for Minnesota, wrote a letter to the Chairman of the FDIC, Mark Gruenberg, expressing his concerns about the recent closures of digital asset and tech-centered banks like Silvergate, Signature Bank, and Silicon Valley Bank. Emmer shared the letter on Twitter, declaring that “the FDIC is weaponizing recent instability in the banking sector to purge legal crypto activity from the U.S.” The Congressman believes federal financial regulators have weaponized their authority to purge legal digital asset entities and opportunities from the U.S., leading to broader economic instability. Emmer is seeking responses to his questions by March 24th.

Ethereum core developers set April 12 for Shanghai hard fork

Cointelegraph

A target date for the highly anticipated Shapella (Shanghai) hard fork has now been set for April 12th. The highly anticipated upgrade will allow for Staked ETH to be withdrawn from the staking contract for the first time since the Beacon Chain's launch more than two years ago.

Arbitrum To Airdrop Long-Awaited Token On March 23

The Defiant

Arbitrum's founding team will relinquish control of the Layer 2 blockchain on March 23rd with an airdrop that will distribute billions of newly minted governance tokens among users, a DAO, investors, and the team that built the protocol. Layer 2



blockchains, or rollups, are central to Ethereum's plans to scale and accommodate billions of users. Several billion-dollar startups have jumped into the arena, but Arbitrum has emerged as the clear leader, with a 55% market share and a transaction count that topped Ethereum's on two consecutive days last month.

Euler DeFi Protocol Exploited for Nearly \$185M

CoinDesk

DeFi lending protocol Euler lost ~\$185m in a flash loan attack that sent the protocol's native token into a ~52% dive. Details of the exploit are covered within, but the exploiter has denied negotiation requests and has sent funds through Tornado Cash in an attempt to obfuscate their origin. It's believed North Korea's Lazarus Group is behind the exploit.

BITCOIN

Lightning Labs and Tari agree to convert restraining order in trademark suit

Blockchain startup Tari Labs wins restraining order against Lightning Labs over Taro protocol

Bitcoin Options Volume on Deribit Hits Highest Level in 22 Months as Bank Failures Breed Volatility

Bitcoin surges past \$24,000 on CME launch of BTC event contracts

Bitcoin funding rate has turned positive as liquidations soar over \$230M

Bitcoin, Ether Retrace Weekend Losses As Bears See \$183M in Short Liquidations

USDC Volatility Lifts Bitcoin's Coinbase Premium to 3-Year High

ETHEREUM

Coinbase expects high demand for ETH unstaking with Shanghai upgrade

MEV Rewards on Ethereum Reach All-Time High During SVB Bank Run and USDC Depeg

Ethereum to begin final dress rehearsal today for Shapella upgrade

Lido Launches wstETH On Polygon

ALTCOINS

Polygon Labs partners with Unstoppable Domains to launch top-level domains

Cosmos Hub releases Replicated Security to draw closer to rest of ecosystem

LinksDAO wins bid to buy its first golf course, says CEO

Synthetix Perpetual Volumes Hit Record \$200M As Optimism Incentives Near

Google Searches for Arbitrum Soar Amid Airdrop Announcement

Sam Altman's Worldcoin signs outsourcing deal to ramp up production of iris-scanning orbs

Polygon spins off project Avail and co-founder departs

Arbitrum to Airdrop New Token and Transition to DAO

Shiba Inu Token Falls 10% Amid Shibarium Code Drama

Starknet DAO Heads Toward First Governance Vote



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[In About-Face, Crypto Exchanges Abandon Support for STG Token Reissuance](#)

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[Filecoin becomes a blockchain platform compatible with Ethereum apps](#)

[Sam Altman's Worldcoin unveils World ID protocol and SDK](#)

[Stargate foundation advises DAO against reissuing STG tokens](#)

[DYdX Passes Vote to Reduce Trading Rewards by 45%, Sending Token Up 29.89%](#)

[Crypto Payments Specialist Stellar Bridges Fiat and Stablecoins to Polkadot](#)

[Filecoin's FIL Token Gains 18% Ahead of Network Upgrade](#)

[Aztec to sunset private ZK-Rollup Connect and focus on next-gen Layer 2 chain](#)

[USDC Trading Dominates Record Day for DeFi Exchanges Uniswap, Curve](#)

[Privacy Centric Brave Browser Now Allows Crypto Asset Selling Inside of Wallet Extension](#)

[MakerDAO launches emergency proposal to limit USDC exposure](#)

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[TrueUSD Moves \\$1B in Reserves To The Bahamas After U.S. Banking Failures](#)

[Tether's Stablecoin Market Cap Now Double USDC After SVB Chaos](#)

[Less than \\$30B of stablecoins now sit on exchanges, wiping out all of 2022's gains](#)

[Biggest USDC burn on record just occurred, net redemptions since Friday reach \\$4.5 billion](#)

[Decentralized Borrowing Protocol Liquity's LQTY Token Soars Amid USDC Chaos](#)

[Burning USDC and Minting DAI Prove to Be Popular On-Chain Activities Amid SVB Collapse](#)

[Coinbase disables trading for BUSD](#)

[TUSD's supply crosses \\$2B amid banking woes for stablecoin rivals](#)

[Circle taps Cross River as banking partner, expands ties with BNY Mellon](#)

[TrueUSD Says 'Small Number' of Users Impacted by Signature Bank Closure](#)

[USDC bounces back toward \\$1 peg after Fed announcement](#)

[Circle USDC operations will resume when U.S. banks open Monday: CEO Allaire](#)

[USDC will remain redeemable 1 for 1 with U.S. dollar, Circle says](#)

[Aave freezes stablecoin trading on v3 Avalanche as activity surges on CEXs](#)

[USDC slowly reopens on unconfirmed reports of SVB resolution](#)

[Traders Bet on USD Coin Rebound as USDC Falls to 90 Cents](#)

[USDC investor shells out \\$2M to receive \\$0.05 USDT trying to evade crash](#)

[USDC Stablecoin Depegs, Crypto Market Goes Haywire After Silicon Valley Bank Collapses](#)

[DeFi Protocol Curve's \\$500M Stablecoin Pool Hammered as Traders Flee USDC](#)

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[Signum Digital scores approval to offer security tokens in Hong Kong](#)

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[Coinbase reiterates that staking services will continue, despite SEC crackdown](#)
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[KuCoin leads \\$10M funding for Chinese yuan stablecoin issuer](#)



INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

DeFi-Focused Asset Manager MEV Capital Offers Uniswap Hedging Strategy

Post-Merge Ethereum: Grayscale extends review of ETHPoW decision

21Shares Closes 6 Crypto Exchange-Traded Products

AllianceBlock, ABO Digital to Offer Tokenized Structured Products

Ark raises \$16.3 million for new crypto fund amid buying spree

Inverse Cramer ETF surpasses S&P 500 in first week of trading

Digital asset funds experience biggest weekly outflows on record

Brevan Howard takes over Dragonfly Capital Crypto Fund: Bloomberg

TRADFI / TECH

Credit Suisse Finds 'Material Weakness' in Its Financial Reporting

Big Banks Agree to Historic \$30B Deposit Injection in First Republic

Breaking: SVB Financial Group files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

New feature by H&R Block, CoinTracker automatically adds taxes for crypto trades

Federal Reserve says FedNow will go live in July

Salesforce Taps Into NFTs Through Suite of New Web3 Products

Fidelity Crypto quietly went live, giving millions of retail customers access to bitcoin, ether

Swiss National Bank says it will support Credit Suisse if necessary

After US banks fail, contagion heads to European banks – banks halted on exchange

NatWest bank puts \$6K monthly limit on crypto exchange payments

Federal Reserve To Pause Interest Rate Hikes This Month, Forecasts Banking Giant Goldman Sachs: Report

Asset Managers Blackstone, Apollo Eyeing SVB Assets: Bloomberg

Silicon Valley Bank Customers Can Fully Access Funds After FDIC Creates New Bridge Bank

Breaking: Silicon Valley Bank UK arm acquired by HSBC for 1 pound

Regulators rush to sell SVB assets to make uninsured accounts partly available on Monday: Bloomberg

Silicon Valley Bank plunges 60% before halt, Signature trading stopped shortly after open

CBDC

India, UAE to explore CBDC bridge to facilitate trade, remittances without USD

CBDCs could provide smooth cross-border payments, says Bank of Israel official

National Australia Bank makes first-ever cross-border stablecoin transaction

EU Merchants Could Be Required to Accept Digital Euro, Ministers Told

REGULATORY / COUNTRIES

Former Belgian Finance Minister Calls for Crypto Ban in Wake of Banking Crisis

FDIC Denies Report That Signature Bank Buyer Must Give Up on Crypto

Bankruptcy judge rejects U.S. government's request to delay Voyager-Binance US deal

Senator Warren says Fed chair 'has to recuse himself' from reviewing regulatory failures

U.S. Lawmakers Digging Through Crypto Legislation for Bipartisan Winners: Senator

Europol shuts crypto tumbler ChipMixer, seize \$46m in bitcoin



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