



Weekly Crypto News Recap

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TOP STORIES OF THE WEEK

CFTC sues Binance and its CEO 'CZ' for allegedly violating US laws

The Block

Binance and its CEO Changpeng "CZ" Zhao are being sued by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) for allegedly violating federal laws and not registering the exchange in the U.S. Since 2017, Binance has “taken a calculated, phased approach to increase its United States presence despite publicly stating its purported intent to ‘block’ or ‘restrict’ customers located in the United States from accessing its platform,” the agency argued in the 74-page complaint. The complaint adds that Binance, Zhao and former CCO Samuel Lim "have all chosen to ignore those requirements and undermined Binance’s ineffective compliance program by taking steps to help customers evade Binance’s access controls,” the agency said. A Binance spokesperson said, "The complaint filed by the CFTC is unexpected and disappointing as we have been working collaboratively with the CFTC for more than two years."

Signature Bank's Crypto Depositors Get April 5 Account Closure Deadline

CryptoCurrency – Finance Magnates

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has asked cryptocurrency clients of collapsed Signature Bank to close their accounts by April 5 by finding another banking partner. Otherwise, the regulator will close the accounts and mail a check to the registered addresses. The FDIC's decision on Tuesday came following the acquisition of Signature Bank's deposits and loans by Flagstar Bank, a part of the New

York Community Bancorp (NYCB). However, the acquisition did not include the "approximately \$4b of deposits related to the former Signature Bank's digital banking business." In related news, the Chair of FDIC confirmed earlier this week that the agency is still seeking to find a buyer for Signature's Signet.

'Withdrawals are coming!' — Ethereum devs confirm epoch for Shapella fork

Cointelegraph

Ethereum validators will soon be able to withdraw their staked ETH from the Beacon Chain, with the Shapella hard fork set to be activated on the Ethereum mainnet on April 12 (epoch 194,048; 5:27 pm EST). The withdrawals will be enabled by EIP-4895 by "pushing" staked ETH from the Beacon Chain to the execution layer. The upgrade will allow staked ETH to be withdrawn for the first time since the Beacon Chain's launch in 2020, but withdrawals may take weeks or even months to execute after the upgrade is implemented depending on the number of validators that attempt to exit. GSR's monthly crypto commentary will provide a detailed dive into these withdrawal dynamics early next week.

Polygon's Zero-Knowledge Rollup Goes Live On Mainnet

The Defiant

Polygon has released its zero-knowledge layer 2 rollup, becoming the second company in four days to make a so-called 'zkEVM' available to the general public. The release follows zkSync Era's mainnet launch last week. Zero-knowledge rollups are considered the most promising technology to scale Ethereum, and the launch of general purpose zkEVMs represent a pivotal industry development. Polygon's zkEVM remains in beta, and the company stressed that it should be used with caution today.

First Citizens Bank Enters Deal With FDIC to Buy Silicon Valley Bank

Decrypt

First Citizens Bank will take on the deposits and loans of the failed Silicon Valley Bank, the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) said on Monday. The deal includes the purchase of \$72b in SVB assets for a discount of \$16.5b. The FDIC will keep another \$90b in securities and assets to sell on the open market in a process known as "disposition." First Citizens, a 125-year-old institution with a focus on North Carolina and South Carolina, had around \$100 billion in total assets prior to the deal. Importantly, the First Citizens chairman and CEO said the acquisition would mean that the bank would continue to serve various startup-centric and VC clients.



BITCOIN

Zebedee Debuts Global Payment Service Powered by Bitcoin's Lightning Network

Zero-knowledge proofs coming to Bitcoin, overhauling network state validation

MicroStrategy Pays Off Silvergate Loan, Buys More Bitcoin

Bitcoin Has Benefited From U.S. Dollar Liquidity to Support Banks: Morgan Stanley

Dormant Bitfinex whales cash out 12K BTC

Bitcoin From Defunct BTC-e on the Move Again: Report

ETHEREUM

Volume of ETH options rises to highest level since May ahead of Shapella update

ConsenSys Launches zkEVM Public Testnet, Renames It 'Linea'

Vitalik Buterin Sends Hidden Message in First Polygon zkEVM Transaction

ALTCOINS

Cardano Users Can Soon Access Ethereum dApps Directly From ADA Wallets

Crypto Casino Rollbit's Token Drops 20% Amid Licensing Concerns

Kava Flips Solana As New Lending Protocol Boosts TVL

Aave To Launch on Polygon zkEVM

Gnosis launches Hashi bridge aggregator to help prevent hacks

Injective launches layer-2 testnet for Solana-based apps in Cosmos

Trader Joe is Fastest-Growing DEX After Shift to Uniswap v3-Like Model

Algorand up over 12% following on from India partnership

Liquid staking tokens rally by 15% as Ethereum Shapella upgrade draws near

Iota Releases Shimmer Public Test Chain Ahead of Native Ethereum Virtual Machine Launch

Lido to sunset staking on Polkadot, Kusama by August

Freeport clears SEC Reg A review for tokenized art offerings

Ethereum Staking Provider Lido to Incorporate NFTs Into Unstaking Process

EOS Ethereum Virtual Machine Testnet Goes Live Ahead of April Mainnet Deployment

THORChain mainnet halted amid new vulnerability reports

Teller V2 To Offer Fixed Term Loans Against 'Any' Crypto Asset

Lending Platform MakerDAO Approves 'Constitution,' Moves Forward With 'Endgame' Plan

DYDX set to launch private testnet of its Cosmos-based blockchain

Ethereum (ETH) Competitor Avalanche (AVAX) Suffers Brief Network Outage Amid Upgrade

Arbitrum Settles Into Top 40 Coins With 81% of Airdrop Claimed

STABLECOINS

USDC Outflows Surpass \$10B as Tether's Stablecoin Dominance Reaches 22-Month High

Japanese Megabank Mitsubishi UFJ Launches Stablecoin Interoperability Pilot

Circle announces USDC launch for Cosmos via Noble network

'Flatcoin' Builders Respond to Coinbase Call to Deploy on Layer-2 Network Base

MakerDAO votes to keep USDC as primary collateral, rejects 'diversification' plan



CRYPTO ECOSYSTEM

DAO treasuries top \$25 billion for the first time: DeepDAO
Crypto Custody Firm BitGo Releases Security Features Aimed at Bitcoin Ordinals
MoonPay has dismissed dozens of staff, while denying those cuts are layoffs
Blocktrace Builds AI Chatbot to Simplify Blockchain Transaction Tracking
Chicago-Based Radix Trading Is One of Three Quant Firms in Binance Suit: WSJ
Vauld gets yet another creditor protection extension until April 28

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Donald Trump indictment breathes life into his NFT trading card collection
Argentinian Airline Issues Every Ticket as an NFT
Andy Warhol Artworks to Be Offered as Tokenized Investments on Ethereum
Art Blocks Debuts NFT Marketplace With Enforced Creator Royalties
Wassies NFT Project Launches Pop-up Hotel In Singapore
NFT Collection Y00ts Makes Anticipated Move From Solana to Polygon
Ticketmaster's latest widget gives NFT holders early ticket access
UK Treasury Cancels Plans for Government-Backed NFT
Gucci Reveals Metaverse Tie-Up With Bored Ape Creator Yuga Labs
Wassies NFT Prices Surge as Crypto Twitter Lore-Themed Hotel Opens in Singapore
Accidentally burnt CryptoPunk #685 'resurrected' – becomes first official CryptoPunk Ordinal
Amazon's NFT Plans Teased in a Receipt Mailed Friday Afternoon

MINING

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New Texas Senate Bill Seeks to Slash Bitcoin Mining Incentives
Bitcoin Miner TeraWulf Reports 146% Increase in Revenue as It Ramps Up Operations
Bitcoin hash rate spikes as analysts say miners coming back online

EXCHANGES

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FTX proposes order for Deltec to turn over assets linked to Ryan Salame and Alameda
FTX EU launches withdrawal website to pay back European users
Crypto Exchange Zipmex's Restructuring Plan Approved by Singapore Court
Crypto Exchange Kraken Commits to Tougher Rules Required by Canada
OKX to Transfer \$157 Million in Frozen Assets Linked to FTX and Alameda Research
Gemini Explores to Launch Global Crypto Derivatives Trading Platform
Paxful to refund users' Earn balances affected by Celsius collapse
Coinbase Aims to Stay in Canada; Binance Could Be Poised to Exit Amid Regulatory Shakeup
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