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A turkey keeps its speed down along Freeman Way in Brewster on Sept. 29. RON SCHLOERB/CAPE COD TIMES

Dennis approves first-known crypto ATM ban on Cape Cod

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Cape Cod Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

Dennis voters passed a ban on cryptocurrency ATMs at the special town meeting Tuesday night, creating a by-law that is thought to be the first in Cape Cod's towns.

The crypto ATM bylaw is meant to curb scams that convince people to convert cash into virtual currency instantly and irreversibly. Although the

town has only identified a small number of the ATMs in local businesses, the Select Board wanted to get ahead of the state legislature, which has not passed any bills regarding the growing problem.

The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office does not have exact data but estimates there are hundreds of crypto ATMs in the state, Deputy Press Secretary Allie Zuliani told the Times Oct. 1.

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Dennis Select Board Chair Carlyn Carey explains one of the articles at the special town meeting Tuesday, Oct. 6. All 18 articles passed easily in less than an hour, including a ban on cryptocurrency ATMs. Other Select Board members, from left, are John Terrio, Paul McCormick and Christopher Lambton. Not pictured is James Plath.

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Next steps in Pike case uncertain

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USA TODAY

With the astonishing news that Christa Pike is conscious, talking and making a “medically unprecedented” recovery following her botched execution, Tennessee is now facing a critical question: Will the state try to kill her again?

“Against all odds, Christa Pike is conscious, speaking, and continues to receive critical medical care,” her attorneys said in a statement on Oct. 6. “Her prognosis remains unclear but, at a minimum, we expect a long recovery.”

They said that despite “severe damage” to Pike’s arms, “she is still handcuffed and shackled to the bed.”

“She survived two complete rounds of lethal injection per Tennessee’s protocol, despite her attorneys’ warning to the state of specific challenges with her veins,” her attorneys said. “She is the only person known to have survived a complete execution attempt in the U.S. Christa is a survivor and will take recovery one day at a time.”

So far, Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee has not responded to repeated calls from

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Chemists win Nobel for solving molecular puzzle

Marie Mannes, Simon Johnson
and Johan Ahlander
REUTERS

STOCKHOLM – Scientists Henri Kagan and Kenso Soai won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for solving a long-standing riddle of asymmetric “mirror image” molecules, a discovery hugely important for pharmaceutical manufacturing, the award-giving body said on Oct. 7.

Soai, 76, is Japanese, and Kagan, 95, is French, and their work built on a discovery by the 19th-century French chemist Louis Pasteur.

“This is the most exciting day in my life, I am very glad to share this prize with professor Henri Kagan,” Soai said, speaking by phone to the Nobel Prize press conference, adding he had been out shopping when receiving the news.

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