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Next steps in the Pike case are uncertain



Photographs are set up in memory of Colleen Slemmer, the woman Christa Pike was convicted of murdering in 1995, on Sept. 30, the day Pike was scheduled to be executed at a Tennessee prison. DENNY SIMMONS/NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN

Inmate may face second execution try

Amanda Lee Myers
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 con-

scious, 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

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Tennessee death row inmate Christa Gail Pike. PROVIDED BY CHRISTA GAIL PIKE’S LEGAL TEAM

Hillsdale College student honored for service

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Hillsdale College student and veteran Turner Korotzer has been named Veteran of the Month for September by U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg.

The honor was announced by Hillsdale College. Korotzer was recognized for his military service and continued volunteer work while keeping up with his studies.

Korotzer enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2015 and was deployed to Kuwait and Syria. He received the Navy Achievement Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Now a student at Hillsdale College, Korotzer volunteers with the Hillsdale American Legion and helped organize

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‘No Kings’ events set in Southeast MI

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As midterm elections approach, nationwide “No Kings” protests are slated to promote voting Oct. 17.

“Since our first mobilization, millions of people across the globe have joined ‘No Kings’ actions to reject unaccountable power. Now, we are taking the next step, moving from protest to supporting non-partisan voter participation by making sure people are ready to vote early to choose their leaders,” the organization wrote.

“... Local communities know their needs best, and we’re expecting events to vary from block parties to cookouts to human chains to walks to the polls.”

The midterm election is Nov. 3 — with congressional, gubernatorial, state and local positions on the ballot. According to an online event map, three demonstrations are scheduled around Southeast MI on Oct. 17 for “No Kings: Vote Early.”

Michigan’s mandatory early voting period requires a minimum of nine consecutive days of in-person offerings, ending Nov. 1. To find your early polling location (which may differ from your regular polling location), visit

mavic.sos.state.mi.us/voter/index#early-voting-search-section.

Where are protests planned in Southeast Michigan?

- Adrian: 1-3 p.m. at the Old Lenawee County Courthouse (301 N. Main St.)
- Tecumseh: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at 309 E. Chicago Boulevard
- Tecumseh: 1-3 p.m. Address released upon RSVP

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