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Next steps in 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 the possibility of second execution attempt

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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



Pike

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 Pike’s attorneys and death penalty observers to commute her sentence to life in prison. That leaves open the possibility that Pike will face a second execution, even after her attorneys said the first attempt on Sept. 30 amounted to unconstitutionally cruel and unusual

punishment.

“We’re in uncharted territory,” said Robin Maher, executive director of the nonprofit Death Penalty Information Center, which does not take a stance on the death penalty.

“The U.S. Supreme Court has not decided whether a second execution attempt would violate the constitution since 1947,” Maher told USA TODAY. “These are questions that have never needed to be asked before and no one knows the answers.”

Tennessee was supposed to execute Pike, 50, by lethal injection on Sept. 30 for the brutal and prolonged 1995 murder of 19-year-old Colleen Slemmer. The execution failed after Pike survived

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Fun things to do in Coastal Bend area

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Not sure what to do this weekend? There are plenty of fun things to check out in the Coastal Bend area, whether it’s with family, friends, a romantic partner or just yourself.

Is there an upcoming event you think the community should know about? Email john.oliva@caller.com with information to be included in future stories.

Here are some events this weekend:

Oct. 8

● **Drowning Pool and Saliva:** House of Rock will host rock bands Drowning Pool and Saliva at 6 p.m. Cost: \$33.15 to \$39.65. Information: texashouseofrock.com.

● **Bailando International Dance Festival:** Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will host its 26th annual Bailando International Dance Festival at the H-E-B Performance Hall in the Performing Arts Center at 6300 Ocean Drive. Enjoy a presentation of choreography from emerging and established dancers. Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Information: bailandointernational.com.

Oct. 9

● **ArtWalk:** Enjoy live music, local art, vendors and food trucks in downtown Corpus Christi during ArtWalk, a monthly event, from 6 to 10 p.m. Downtown bars, shops and venues keep the party going after 10 p.m. The event was rescheduled due to weather. Cost: Free to attend. Information: downtowncorpuschristi.org/events/first-friday-art-walk.

● **Moonlight Magic in the Gardens:** The South Texas Botanical Gardens will host its 20th annual fundraiser Moonlight Magic in the Gardens

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Five spots in Corpus Christi when craving sweet bread

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There are empanadas, conchas, maranitos, orejas and so many more treats when it comes to pan dulce.

You may find some at H-E-B or Walmart, but where in Corpus Christi can you find the best sweet bread?

The Caller-Times rounded up five spots for you to visit to pick up your next box of pan dulce. La Casa del Pan y Más, a new local panaderia located at 4529 Kostoryz Road, will open its doors by the end of the year.

Herrejon’s Bakery

- **Location:** 3829 Crosstown Expressway
- **Hours:** 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Jalisco Bakery

- **Location:** 822 S. Port Ave.
- **Hours:** 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday

through Friday; 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday

Jalisco Supermarket

- **Location:** 1101 S. Port Ave.
- **Hours:** 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday

La Mexicana Bakery & Tortilla Factory

- **Location:** 6337 S. Padre Island Drive
- **Hours:** 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

La Michoacana Meat Market

- **Location:** 4214 Ayers St.
 - **Hours:** 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily
- John Oliva covers entertainment and community news in South Texas. Have a story idea? Contact him at john.oliva@caller.com.



Different types of pan dulce on display at La Mexicana Bakery & Tortilla Factory in Corpus Christi on Oct. 2. JOHN OLIVA/CALLER-TIMES

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