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DOVER TOWNSHIP INCIDENT ESCALATES



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A memorial of flowers, flags and other items are seen outside the Northern York County Regional Police Department in Manchester Township on Sept. 18. Three of the department's officers, Detectives Mark Baker and Isaiah Emenheiser and Detective Sgt. Cody Becker, were killed in an ambush-style attack the day before.

Drunken man accused of threats

► 'DAY IS COMING': Christian Meiler is accused of threatening a Northern York County Regional officer after his arrest, allegedly invoking the North Codorus Township slayings.

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A Dover Township man is accused of drunkenly threatening a Northern York County Regional

Police officer, allegedly saying the officer's "day is coming" while invoking the North Codorus Township slayings that left three colleagues from the same department dead earlier this year.

Investigators placed Christian Meiler, 31, under arrest on various charges following an outdoor fire that allegedly got out of control.

Meiler faces charges of making a terroristic threat and risking catastrophe, as well as summary offenses related to outdoor burning following a fire at his home Saturday evening.

He also faces charges from a re-

lated incident of alleged domestic abuse that occurred that evening, according to charging documents.

And amid those cases, charging documents show Meiler allegedly talked about how he was once accused of homicide. The statement seemed to reference a shooting in 2017 in northern California, which investigators there described as an apparent self-defense situation.

Meiler is jailed in York County Prison in the two current cases.

Situation escalated: According to

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Budget set for final vote

► DEC. 17: Without public discussion, the York County Commissioners have slated the 2026 spending plan — including its 14% property tax hike — for approval.

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York County's three elected commissioners remained quiet Wednesday about their proposed 2026 budget, which will be up for a final vote Dec. 17.

The \$293 million general fund spending plan calls for a 14% property tax hike.

"Send your questions to Brett Marcy," President Commissioner Julie Wheeler told The York Dispatch after Wednesday's commissioners meeting, when asked about the budget.

The commissioners hired Marcy's Harrisburg-based public relations firm, Apollo, in May for \$6,000 per month to handle media requests following the resignation of Chief Clerk Greg Monskie, who, among other managerial roles, previously handled such requests. York County's three commissioners each make more than \$100,000 per year.

Marcy has answered some of the Dispatch's questions since the budget was unveiled last month, but inquiries seeking more information about



Wheeler

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New chip could slash AI energy demands

► HARDWARE: Scientists are working to make computer chips more brain-like.

MIRIAM FAUZIA
The Dallas Morning News

As artificial intelligence platforms like OpenAI's ChatGPT and Microsoft's Copilot go mainstream, power bills from their usage are

exploding. In response, researchers are racing to build hardware that would guzzle less energy.

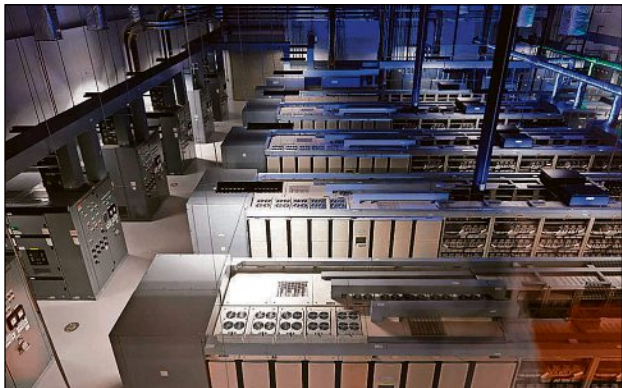
One such effort is underway at the University of Texas at Dallas. Working with Texas Instruments and Arizona-based Everspin Technologies, scientists there have built a small neuromorphic computer system — a brain-inspired design — that uses

tiny magnetic "sandwiches" inside its chips to mimic the behavior of neurons. In lab tests, an AI program running on this hardware recognized tiny black-and-white images while using less circuitry and energy compared to today's AI systems.

The findings of this prototype, published in the journal Communications Engineering, are "a tour de force" not

just in how AI models run but in how they learn — the energy-hungry process that teaches these algorithms to make good predictions, said Mark Stiles, a computer scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Washington, D.C., who was not involved in the study.

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TOM FOX — The Dallas Morning News / TNS

An overhead view of the Dallas TX1 electrical plant is seen at the NTT Data center in Garland, Texas, in June. Scientists are working on a chip that would require less energy for AI platforms.

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