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Man charged in shooting back in court

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The Rome man on trial for allegedly opening fire in the Sangertown mall was back in court July 11 for oral arguments.

Malachi Wynder, 20, was arrested March 2 after an incident the day before, in which police say he shot and injured a man at Sangertown Square in New Hartford. The incident led to the entire shopping center being shut down when Metro SWAT responded and multiple

people were ordered to shelter in place during a few tense hours. Wynder has been charged with second-degree attempted murder, first-degree reckless endangerment, second-degree criminal possession of a loaded firearm, second-degree criminal pos-

session of a weapon, first-degree attempted assault, first-degree criminal use of a firearm, third-degree criminal possession of a firearm, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, See SHOOTING, Page 2A

KORIR ONE MORE TIME



John Korir repeats as the men's Boilermaker 15K winner with a time of approx. 42.47 on Sunday, July 13. This is a little slower than his winning time last year of 42.11. Visit uticaod.com for photos and results from the Boilermaker. PROVIDED BY DAN DELOACH

What is required for Medicaid in New York?

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Paying attention to the documentation required to apply for and sustain Medicaid coverage in New York is more important than ever under President Donald Trump's tax cut and government spending bill. That's because the federal bill includes a \$1 trillion reduction in spending over the next decade for Medicaid, the state-federal government insurance program for low-income Americans. And a big chunk of those cuts involve imposing a nationwide Medicaid work requirement that takes effect Jan. 1, 2027. The legislation requires "able-bodied" Medicaid recipients to work 80 hours a month or qualify for an exemption, such as being a student, caregiver or having a disability. The work requirement applies to parents of children older than 13. Further, the bill requires states to double Medicaid eligibility checks to twice a year. And states, which administer Medicaid, would have to set up systems to verify a person's employment or exemption status. While it remains unclear exactly what state regulators would use to verify Medicaid recipients are meeting

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House GOP committee probing if NY 'unlawfully abused' Medicaid

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A Republican-led congressional oversight committee has launched an investigation of allegations that New York "unlawfully abused taxpayer funds" connected to Medicaid. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform noted it was probing reports and a lawsuit that alleged "New York has been withholding or clawing back Medicaid funds from localities and low-income hospitals in order to buoy its failing balance sheet." The allegations involve Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul and state lawmakers' oversight of billions of dollars of federal funding for the government health pro-

gram that covers nearly 7 million poor, disabled and low-income New Yorkers. **What Hochul says about federal Medicaid investigation** Hochul's administration criticized the probe as a politically motivated effort, asserting the New York Republican congressmembers involved in it do "not care about their constituents' access to Medicaid and lifesaving programs, as evidenced by their support for the Big Ugly Bill." "This is a disgraceful attempt to divert attention from their vote to eliminate healthcare for 1.5 million New Yorkers and deny food security access to See PROBE, Page 3A



A group from Jawonio cheers during the Rally in the Valley at Clover Stadium in Pomona on March 7. People with disabilities and the nonprofit agencies who serve them spoke out against threats to federal Medicaid funding. PETER CARR/THE JOURNAL NEWS

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