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Petition seeks no-confidence vote in Sudbury school board

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A petition is circulating calling for a vote of no-confidence in the Sudbury School Committee over its governance practices, including executive session discussions regarding Superintendent Brad Crozier's contract.

Specifically, the petition asserts that four of the School Committee's five current members "have lost focus on their core responsibilities: promoting academic excellence, fiscal discipline, and transparent governance in Sudbury Public Schools."

The petition, started by a group that calls itself "Stand Up for Students- 01776," has amassed 461 signatures through Friday morning, March 6, since it was posted on Feb. 23. It calls for a vote of no-confidence in School Committee Chair Karyn Jones; Vice Chair Jessica McCready; and members Elizabeth Sues and Julie Durgin-Sicree.

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Mix and match food delivery service comes to MetroWest

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What's for dinner?

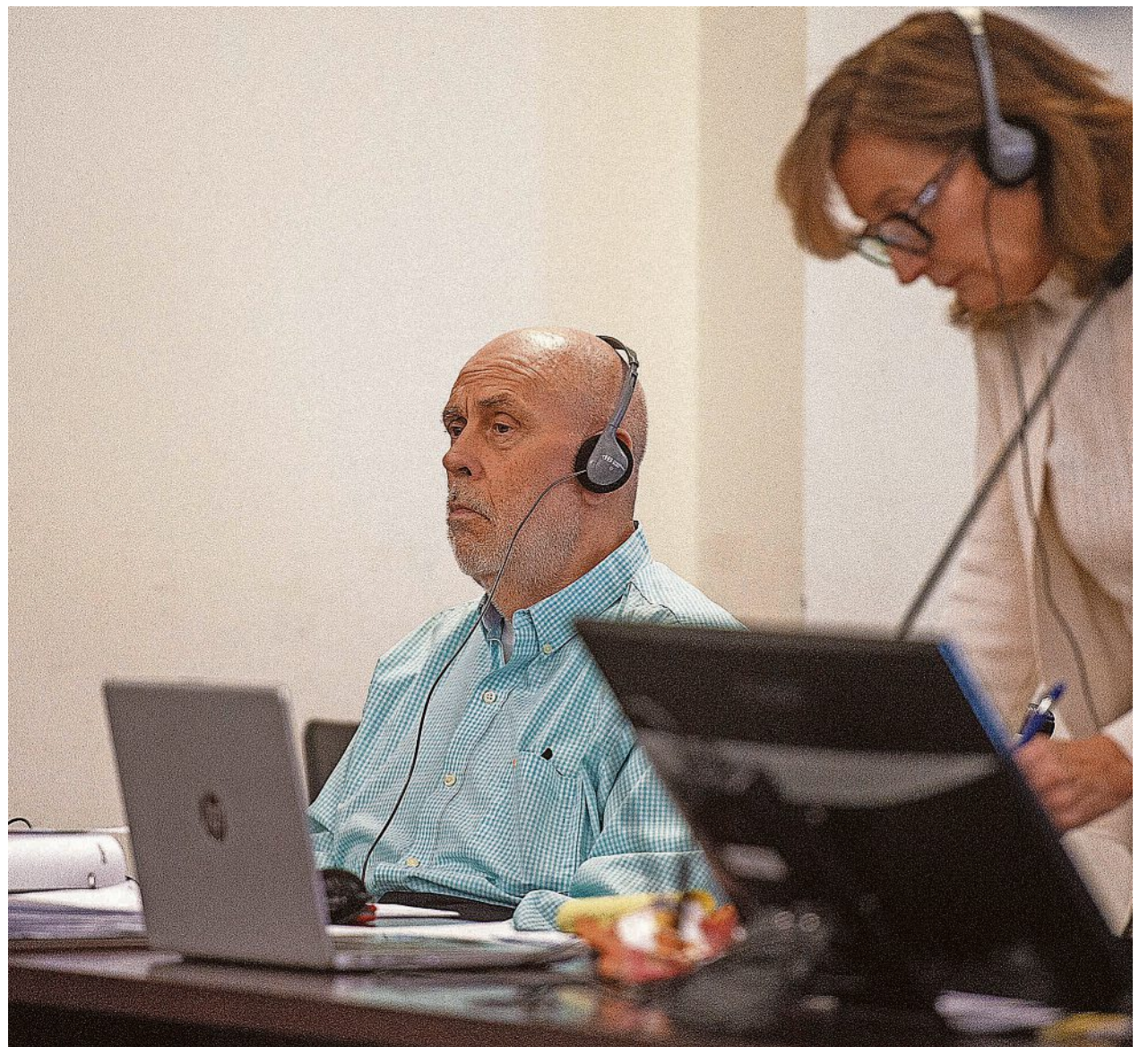
Those wondering what to order can likely find an answer at Wonder, a new virtual food hall concept that allows customers to mix and match menu items from local restaurants and national chefs in a single order.

The concept is rolling out in Greater Boston, with more locations coming soon. Locally, Wonder has opened at 219 North Main St. (Route 27) in Natick and at 571 Worcester Road (Route 9) in Framingham. The Natick location took the place of Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza in the 9/27 plaza, which includes Stop & Shop, Staples, Chipotle and Dollar Tree. The Framingham location is located near Whole Foods.

In addition, Wonder has opened at 493 Trapelo Road in Belmont; 50 Station Landing in Medford; and

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Jury seated ahead of trial for 1989 rape case



Stephen Paul Gale sits in Middlesex Superior Court in Woburn on March 3 as jury selection begins for his trial. Gale is accused of raping two retail store employees in December 1989. ART ILLMAN/DAILY NEWS AND WICKED LOCAL

Deliberations in trial expected to begin March 20

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Opening statements in the trial of a man charged with raping two women inside a Framingham retail store in 1989 are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 11.

Stephen Paul Gale, 73, is charged with four counts of aggravated rape; two counts of kidnapping; and a single count of armed robbery.

Jury selection began Tuesday, March 3, at Middlesex Superior Court in Woburn and concluded on Wednesday. Sixteen jurors were seated — 12 will deliberate and four will serve as alternates.

Gale is accused of raping two employees on Dec. 27, 1989, at the now-closed Hit-or-Miss clothing store on

Route 9. Authorities said he entered the store as it opened, initially posing as a customer before brandishing a handgun.

Gale is alleged to have ordered the two women to go into separate rooms in the store where he ordered them to strip. Authorities said he raped the two women, robbed the store and fled. No one was identified or arrested at the time.

Use of genetic genealogy helped crack case

Thanks to the use of genetic genealogy, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and the Framingham Police Department identified Gale in May 2024 as a

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