

# Mom's Newsletter

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"If you are not at the dinner table, you are part of the menu."

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## Legal War Wages: "We Protect our Brand"

*Family Cooking Legacy at Stake*

(San Francisco Federal Court) "The shouts could be heard all the way down to the Embarcadero," said veteran court reporter **James "Snapper" Batchelder**.



"The litigants were ironically going at it like hungry wolves."

Lead Attorney **Pat Weller** stated in her opening comments that "the credo 'Sears Fine Food' has been a precious gem amongst the Miller family jewel box of trademarks since the great war."

Food historians also cited numerous references to the "Sears Fine Food" usage throughout the 1960's. "It was common knowledge that Jane Sears produced dozens of fine meals during that decade and she was synonymous with that phrase" stated expert witness and niece **Joanie** (nee Miller) **Horsman**. She concluded her testimony with the phrase, "I personally remember every meal served by my Aunt Jane."

Ms. Weller began the case with a litany of famous Sears-based creations: boiled dinner. Swiss steak, rutabaga surprise, yellow/green bean medleys, kifta, enhanced boiled dinner, gizzard variations and the other rutabaga surprise. After running through the lengthy PowerPoint presentation, she expertly summarized her strategy by lowering her husky voice and said, "these are some damn fine foods. Sears Fine Foods."

Legal negotiations continue with no cash settlement sought by either the family or any of the national food critics who were listed as co-plaintiffs. While no money is requested, the rumored settlement will include a sign change to include a picture of Jane Sears and a new sub-phrase underneath stating med to "Sears Find Food but not as Fine as it was in Faribault."

"All we seek is justice; bland and overcooked justice for our family legacy," said daughter **Liz** (nee **Sears McGrory**). "We take frosting and haute cuisine seriously."

## Faux Pas Almost Derails Medical Tradition

*Day of Celebration Muted with Farm Animal*

(West Bank Campus) "I am 99.9999% positive that I read the Medical School invitation correctly," said future rural Physician **John McGrory**. "It said 'White Goat Ceremony' so that is what I brought." This was confirmed by **Bill Miller** who not only provided the goat for the afternoon,



but thought it made "total sense" to him. "So, I loaded up our top goat Manley, and John picked him up for the day. Manley loves going to the cities and road trips so off they went with both enthusiasm and alacrity."

Surrounded by family and breakfast chums, **John** strolled onto the stage with

his new best friend but was surprised at the reaction from the crowd of future colleagues and assembled educators. "I was wondering where all the other goats were. But I was more surprised at the looks from all the ladies. I knew I was making some serious points so in the scheme of things, I view it as a win/win for both myself and Manley since some of the gals looked like they had done sometime in 4-H."



## Rolling Stone Lauds B.M. and the Peckerheads

2017 Bingstock "One of their top two gigs ever"

(New York) The 2017 Bingstock concert was listed by the magazine as "one of their top two concerts ever." National buzz started immediately after the concert due to their legendary commitment to showmanship, but it was the new, cute keyboardist which pushed them into the rarified air of national recognition. "We always had hot back-up singers," said **Jim Liverseed**. "But adding mom on the keys really got it going. It was like a Partridge Family episode. At least that is what the old folks said. "Who is Shirley Partridge?"