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Attention Callerlab. Maybe I'm alone on this, but could you please ban the call *Now*?

For some reason it bugs me. Raise your arms and spin around? Weird! OK, maybe for those wearing big skirts, the call might be fun. Maybe.

Gals, feel free to chime-in here.

I can't find *Now* anywhere in the official list of Mainstream calls, so why do I keep hearing it? Callerlab, get after those rogue *Now* callers, now!

Another problem is that this call can actually be dangerous. The following is a direct quote from a professional caller.

"Now, pass thru. Trade by. Now, Swing Thru."

Is he really asking for a *Now* with a *Pass Thru*, and a *Swing Thru*? Try to visualize that flow. I see squares *really* crashing, as in elbows meeting noses. Screams. Blood!

I'm getting bumper stickers: "Good square dance callers last forever, but they don't call *Now*." and "If you have to call *Now*, do it later."

While I'm on a roll: I'm not too fond of *Star-right* and *Star-left*

either. Maybe I have an arm pit aversion.

There are so many really fun calls, including some great off-list calls that get resurrected on occasion. Use them!

I think it is time for Callerlab honchos to do some weeding.

Dancers, help them out. What call triggers a little internal groan every time you hear it? A groan of the type, "Oh no, this dumb call again." (Groans, which only grow with time.)

Not a groan of the type, "Aack, I can never remember this darn call." (Groans, which tend to diminish with experience.)

Let's root out the consensus losers. (Or, better yet, move them to C2. Sit back and enjoy the image of C2 dancers doing *Now*.)

Square dancers, let your opinions be heard. Vote *Now*.

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