



### Waltzing with Matilda

*Matilda Kumquat  
% Dan Schweitzer*

*Dear Matilda,  
My wife and I have been married  
30 or 40-some years now. Any  
suggestions for a special  
Christmas present?*

*--Long Time Dancer*

Dear L.T.D.

My first recommendation: Take her to the Timberline Topper New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, featuring Bob Gaunt.

Almost as special would be a week at the National Square Dance Festival (2012's is in Spokane WA), or one of those square dance cruises.

--Matilda

*Dear Matilda,  
My husband and I have been  
married 47 years, but he still  
forgets our anniversary. He  
doesn't even have a clue on the  
year.*

*Is that mainstream behavior for  
husbands? Speaking of which, he  
is, at least, a great square dancer.*

*--Mainstream?*

Dear M?.

Does he do special things for you, such as taking you to the Timberline Topper New Year's

Eve Dinner Dance, featuring Bob Gaunt? Then he knows how to treat a lady. I'd give him a Plus. So maybe he just isn't detail oriented, when it comes to dates. And, yes, that's mainstream male.

--Matilda

*Dear Matilda,*

*My folks have been married 47  
years, and I feel so bad for mom.  
Dad never remembers their  
anniversary.*

*It isn't his memory. They square  
dance, and he has all those  
strange calls down cold. Or, just  
ask him a batting average – any  
batting average.*

*I love my folks, I want them to be  
happy, what can I do?*

*--Nonplused*

Dear N.,

Your folks have been married a very long time, and I'm sure they are especially happy whenever they go square dancing. Your dad is probably planning to take your mom to the Timberline Topper New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, featuring Bob Gaunt. They will have lots of fun, and be happy.

Actually, N., I'm concerned about you. You don't square dance?

--Matilda

From our dance floor to yours, have a great holiday season and a 2012 of fun and growth. (And, don't forget the Timberline Topper New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, featuring Bob Gaunt. See: [www.timberlinetoppers.org](http://www.timberlinetoppers.org))