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Some people don't have time for first dates that might be boring

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Darryl was about to meet face to face with several women, all strangers who, like himself, were single thirtysomethings hoping to find new friends and, just possibly, eventually serious relationships.

But the Lubbock businessman was neither scared nor nervous. Instead, he was optimistic and curious on the eve of his foray into the world of Lubbock speed dating.

"You don't really know what to expect, but you're excited by the idea of meeting new people," the 39-year-old said. "Whether it turns into a romance or anything like that, you don't know going into it. Ultimately, you hope maybe to find a dating partner. But it's just a good opportunity

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