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## Culture Clash

### Speed Dating and Dating and Dating - Chattanooga might not be L.A., but I'm not complaining

by Andrew Stegall

May 10, 2006

Meeting single women in Chattanooga is a challenge. Most people here, it seems to me, are married by the age of 25. I, on the other hand, just turned 40 and am still single. I moved here from Los Angeles a little over two years ago. Back home, having never been married and having no children at my age is by no means unusual. But here it's highly unusual. I've met people here younger than I am, who are in their second marriage and have kids in high school. I would like to be married someday, but I've always had a blast being single—at least I did in LA. In Chattanooga, it's not as much fun. I left a huge city full of available singles and now my options are extremely limited. So when I heard that a company called Cupid.com was conducting "speed dates" here in town, I knew I had to give it a try.

The idea behind a speed date is that attraction or chemistry happens very quickly, so instead of wasting an entire evening on a blind date with someone you know you're not interested in right away, why not meet an entire group of people one by one and see if you make initial connections with one or more of them so that you can follow up with them later on your own? I think it's a brilliant











