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Singles Looking for Love Try To Set Record

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Wednesday night was proof that you can squeeze a lot into six short minutes. About sixty singles met up on the north side seeking dates, possibly mates and definitely a new world record.

It started with the ring of a bell, a bar full of hope and 15 hurried "hello"s. It's love on the clock.



"At the end of the six minutes, if you feel there's a mutual interest or an interest on your part circle let's talk again," the speed daters were told.

Speed dating is a mix of musical chairs and mutual attraction. Christina Burton said, "It's exciting!"

Not long ago, the concept was new and only for the adventurous. Now it seems a full-

fledged phenomenon.

"Typical bar scene, the women have their guard up. That tends to be a little difficult to break through if you want to be sincere," Pete Samaras said.

Wednesday's event at the Blu Martini symbolizes speed dating's popularity. It was timed to coincide with more than a hundred others across the country, to set a world record.

The time limit seems to compress conversations down to the truly important issues like what do you do, do you like hats, do you have any

kids?

As for the evening's twin goals, the record seems a sure thing. The true love totals will take longer to tally. "But they're gonna walk away with the great opportunity of meeting 15 people they probably would not have met in one night," Jenn Kampmeier said.

Cupid.com organized Wednesday night's event but it's generally agreed that speed dating started in the late 90's in California when a rabbi thought it would be a good way to help Jewish singles meet each other.



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