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**TALK OF OUR TOWN: SUSAN GUYETT**

**The need for speedskating**

The Olympic Games are making some waves in Indiana.



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Taking notice: Indyspeed Sports Club coach Cindi Hart said interest in speedskating has spiked since the Winter Olympics began. - Sam Riche / The Star 2004 file photo

**BIRTHDAY OF NOTE**  
U.S. District Judge **John Tinder** turns 56 today.

When **Nyle Kardatzke** leaves his post as head of Sycamore School this summer, a man who looks remarkably like him will replace him.

"It's weird," Kardatzke said in a recent phone interview about how much -- at first glance, at least -- **Leo Dressel** resembles him. Both wear glasses, have gray hair and

Indyspeed Sports Club, the state's only speedskating club, has noticed a significant increase in the number of calls and Web site hits since Saturday, according to **Cindi Hart**, a coach and club coordinator. The group's usual 50 hits a day jumped to 300 once the speedskating events in Turin were in the spotlight. And the activity hasn't stopped.

Hart and her husband, **Ken**, are longtime skaters and medal winners in regional and national competition. Their 11-year-old daughter, **Madison**, is a state champ and ranked ninth in the nation.

The club has about 50 members ranging in age from 5 to 70-plus. Hart said that on average, about 20 people show up at each practice.

The club practices at Ellenberger Park and the Indiana/World Skating Academy at Pan American Plaza. More information is available at [www.indyspeed.org](http://www.indyspeed.org) or by calling (317) 870-7777.

If Olympic gold is your aim, the odds are on your side. The United States has won more Olympic medals in speedskating than in any of the other winter sports, Hart said.

**Sycamore School names new head of school**

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