



## НОВОСТИ [News]

### Russian Schools Pose Health Hazards

As the summer ends, Russian school-children may not be the only ones dreading the start of a new school year – inspections have found an alarming number of Russian schools to be operating under quite hazardous conditions. Russian Minister of Education Andrei Fursenko has stated that the schools are generally in better condition than they were last year, during which time there were 695 school fires and 11 resulting deaths. Russian schools receive their funds from regional budgets which often provide nowhere near enough money to fix the numerous sanitary and fire hazards facing Russian schools, many of which have not been renovated in over 40 years. //gazeta.ru

### Moscow Undergoes Taxi Reform

For years, the Moscow taxi fleet has primarily consisted of “bombs,” taxis not registered with the Department of Transportation, but Pavel Zlatin of the Moscow DOT wants to change this. This illegal transportation industry generates a yearly income estimated at 500 million dollars, none of which is shared with the city since these taxis operate outside of municipal jurisdiction. Zlatin has proposed a reform regimen that would include accrediting taxi drivers and giving them special perks such as city-wide reserved parking in return for officially working for the city. Vitaly Efimov, president of the Russian Transportation Unit, does not support the proposed changes. //gazeta.ru

### Скороговорки [Tongue Twisters]

Try to say these 3 times fast!

У нас гость унёс трость.  
(U nas gost unyos troct.)

Идти на рать, так бердыш брать.  
(Idti na rat', tak berdiysh brat'.)

Течёт речка, печёт печка.  
(Tychyot rechka, pechyot pechka.)

## Олимпийские Игры

The 2004 Olympic Games proved very successful for Russian athletes; Russia returned home with a total of 92 medals, a total second only to that of the United States (the US received 103 Olympic medals). Below are Russia's gold medal results and a few stories about Russia's Olympic activity.

### Total Gold Medals – 27

- Women's high jump, pole vault, long jump, discus throw, hammer throw
- Men's 800m run
- Men's feather, middle, and super heavy weight boxing
- Men's and women's cycling point race
- Women's team epee fencing
- Individual and group all-around rhythmic gymnastics
- Men's modern pentathlon
- Men's rowing – quadruple sculls
- Men's 50m pistol and trap shooting
- Women's 50m rifle 3 position shooting
- Duet and team synchronized swimming
- Men's 105kg weightlifting
- Men's Greco-Roman wrestling (84 and 120 kg)
- Men's freestyle wrestling (55, 74, and 96 kg)

For more medal results, refer to [www.athens2004.com/en/OlympicMedals](http://www.athens2004.com/en/OlympicMedals)

Russia's synchronized swimming team won gold despite a technical malfunction which caused their music to stop playing just moments after the swimmers had entered the water. An interview with the team cites no foul play as the cause of the malfunction.

Tatiana Lebedeva went from winning bronze to silver in women's triple jump after the original gold medal winner from Cameroon tested positive for dope.

Alexei Nemov was the subject of much discussion after he was awarded a much lower score for his performance on the crossbeam than expected. He did not receive a medal despite an adjustment in his initial score.



- All stories found on [www.gazeta.ru](http://www.gazeta.ru).  
- Recipe courtesy of *The Russian Heritage Cookbook*.

## СЛОВА И ФРАЗЫ [Vocabulary]

### Topic: Olympics/Sports

Olympic Games - **Олимпийские Игры**  
- [olympiskiye igri]

Sport – **спорт** – [sport]

Most popular sports:  
--soccer – **футбол** – [football]  
--hockey – **хоккей** – [hockey]

Fan cry – **Шайбу, шайбу!** – [Shaibu!]

Winner – **победитель** – [pobyedityel']

Loser – **проигравший** – [proigravshiy]

### Русский Клуб

Говорите по-русски с самыми клёвыми людьми! В русском клубе мы любим Россию – говорим по-русски, играем в игры по-русски, даже едим по-русски! Присоединитесь к нам по понедельникам в 7 часов в Центре Интернациональных Студентов!

Even if you don't speak Russian, you're welcome to soak up Russian culture with the Russian Club – meetings are Mondays at 7 at the International Student Center!

Contact Jennifer at [jjs4156@fsu.edu](mailto:jjs4156@fsu.edu) with questions.

### Meat & Potato Pudding for Champs!

3 potatoes, peeled & ¼-ed	2 medium onions, peeled & chopped
Salt & pepper	1 ½ lbs. ground chuck
¼ lb. butter	2 eggs
½ cup breadcrumbs	1 Tbsp. grated
3 whole cloves, crushed	Parmesan cheese
2 slices white bread	½ cup + 2 Tbsp. milk

Boil potatoes in salted water. Drain and mash with 3 Tbsp. butter and ¼ cup breadcrumbs. Add salt to taste. Fry onions in 2 Tbsp. butter; remove from heat. Combine meat, salt, pepper, and cloves. Soak bread in milk, squeeze dry and add to meat. Butter casserole dish and sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Place half of onions in dish; top with half of meat, then remaining onions, half of potatoes, remaining meat, and remaining potatoes. Beat eggs with 2 Tbsp. milk, salt and pepper and pour over dish. Dot with remaining butter. Sprinkle with 1 Tbsp. breadcrumbs and with grated cheese. Bake at 350° for 50 minutes.