



НОВОСТИ [News]

Man Dies After Winning Vodka-Drinking Competition.

A vodka-drinking competition in a southern Russian town ended in tragedy with the winner dead and several runners-up in intensive care. "The competition lasted 30, perhaps 40 minutes and the winner downed three half-liter bottles. He was taken home by taxi but died within 20 minutes," said Roman Popov, a prosecutor pursuing the case in the town of Volgodonsk. "Five contestants ended up in intensive care. Those not in hospital turned up the next day, ostensibly for another drink." //gazeta.ru

Monument to peeing dog erected in Vologda.

A monument of a peeing dog has been erected in the Russian town of Vologda. The statue shows a dog peeing on a lamppost and is part of the composition dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the electrification of Vologda. //

The heat is on in Siberia!

Some of the parts of Siberia and the Ural Mountains that are traditionally thought of as some of the coldest places on Earth have been experiencing extremely hot weather this spring. Temperatures comparable to those in Tallahassee were recorded in cities like Yekaterinburg and Irkutsk, while traditionally warmer Moscow and southern parts of Russia had the lowest temperatures on record for this time of year. Is this a sign of global warming or just a fluke of nature?

Скороговорки (Tongue twisters)

Try to say these quickly:



От топота копыт пыль по полю летит.
[Ot topota kopyt pyl' po polyu letit]

Цапля чахла, цапля сохла, цапля сдохла.
[Tsaplia chahla, tsaplia sohla, tsaplia sдохla]

На дворе трава, на траве дрова.
[Na dvore trava, na trave drova]

What is Hot in Russia these days?

We get asked this by students of Russian culture all the time. So we decided to look into this question in depth and here is what we found (as of June 2004):

Музыка (Music) TOP-10

1. D12/Eminem – My band
2. Никита Малинин – Котёнок
3. Britney Spears – Toxic
4. Жасмин – Самый любимый
5. Дискотека Авария – Песня разбойников
6. Веуонсе – Naughty girl
7. Ленинград – Дороги
8. Evanescence – My immortal
9. Валерий Меладзе/Виа Гра – Притяженья больше нет
10. Kylie Minogue – Red blooded woman



Президент Путин (President Putin) – over 70% popular support.

Кино (Movies)

1. Шрек 2 (Shrek 2)
2. Троя (Тroy)
3. Нарушая правила (Breaking all the rules)
4. Ван Хельзинг (Van Helsing)



Технологии (Technology)

- Cell phones (over 20 mil. sold in 2003)
- European standard for Digital television (DVB)
- Female hackers



Туризм (Tourism)

Top destinations for Russians.

- Турция (Turkey)
- Крым – Чёрное море (Crimea – Black Sea)
- Южная Европа: Италия, Испания, Греция, Франция (Southern Europe: Italy, Spain, Greece, France)
- Китай (China)



Crimea – Black Sea

СЛОВА и ФРАЗЫ [Vocabulary]

General Topic: "ХОТ!"

- Spicy (food) – **Острый** - [Ostriy]
 He/She is hot! – **Он/Она просто отпад!**
 [On/Ona prosto otpahd!]
 Hot! (temperature) – **Жарко!** - [Zharko]
 Cool/popular – (masculine) **Клёвый**
 [Klyoviy]
 – (feminine) **Клёвая**
 [Klyovaya]
 Hot Music - **Крутая музыка**
 [Krutaya muzyka]

RUSSIAN CONVERSATION PRACTICE

Every Thursday @ 4:00 pm at the Student Life Building Lobby.

Летний Рецепт [Summer Recipe]

Летние Щи (Summer Schi)

• Ingredients

- 1 lb sorrel
- 1 lb spinach
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 carrot, chopped
- 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 2 potatoes peeled and chopped
- 1 tb fresh Dill, chopped
- 1/2 cup cream
- 4 eggs hardboiled, sliced
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

• Method

Bring water to a boil. Add onion, carrot, celery, spinach, potatoes and pepper and boil for 15 minutes. Add sorrel, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in the cream and fresh dill. Serve with a slice of egg and a teaspoon of sour cream.