

### National Chess Master

Samuel Sevan, a nine-year-old chess wizard, has earned the title of "national master" by the United States Chess Federation after earning a rating of 2,201. This moved him up from his previous title, "expert," which he earned at the age of eight.



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### Photographs of Armenia

Balázs Pataki, a photographer from Hungary traveled throughout Armenia for the past decade. He started off his journey in 2000 using black and white film to capture Armenian landscape, architecture, ruins and people. His adventures took him to the ruins of Ani, as well as Aygestan and Akhtamar in the region of Van. Later, in 2002, as he began using digital photography, he traveled throughout Armenia and Artsakh. "It was an outsider's fascination that brought me to Armenia. Because I knew very little about the country or its history, I had more to discover," said Balázs. In 2010, he published a coffee-table book in Hungary titled *Armenians* with photos, Armenian poems and explanations. The book, distributed in Hungary, is bi-lingual (Armenian and Hungarian).



Balázs Pataki



### Armenian athlete breaks World Record

An unprecedented record has been set on the most turns completed on a horizontal bar on one hand. Armenian athlete David Fahradyan made 76 left handed turns on the horizontal bar. Fahradyan will receive a certificate from *Guinness Book of Records* this year. David Fahradyan teaches at the department of physical education at Yerevan State Linguistic University. Fahradyan confessed that the new world record demanded daily workouts throughout the year. Earlier in 2009, the athlete was again noted by the Guinness Book of Records for making 350 turns on the bar within 10 minutes - on both hands. Trained at the sports school named after Grant Shaginian, Fahradyan was guided by the merited coach of Armenia David Keshishian.

### Colonel George Juskalian Post Office Building

For close to 30 years, Colonel George Juskalian served in the United States Army with high distinction. Congressman Frank Wolf (R-Va.) introduced legislation to rename the 5003 Westfield Boulevard's Postal Office in Centreville, VA to the Colonel George Juskalian Post Office building. This legislation was cosponsored by all members of the Virginia delegation in the House of Representatives.

### Le Piano

*Le Piano*, a short film directed by Levon Minasyan, was presented at a contest in the French Publication *Le Monde*. The setting of this 20-minute film takes place in Gyumri, Armenia, 12 years after the devastating earthquake of 1988. The talented young pianist Lusine, who is portrayed by the daughter of actor Vardan Petrosyan, has to participate in a piano competition, for which the Ministry of Culture presents her a piano. However, the instrument cannot be carried through the doors of Lusine's small house. The whole neighborhood gathers to help Lusine solve this problem coming up with "wise" suggestions. Levon Minasyan, a French musician of Armenian descent, is from Gyumri. He had released several solo albums, collaborated with Peter Gabriel, and his music is often used in films.



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### Iran's Female Astronomer

Alenoush Terian celebrated her 90th birthday in Tehran amongst members of the Iranian Parliament. Terian was Iran's first female astronomer and graduated from the University of Tehran with a degree in Physics. She also studied in France and Germany before becoming a professor at her *alma mater*, as well as the chief of the solar physics studies at the university.

