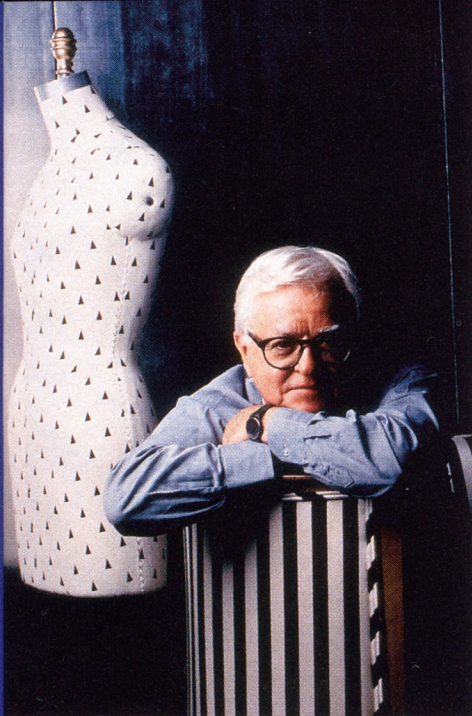


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DIED. GEOFFREY BEENE, 77, one of America's most original fashion designers; of complications of pneumonia; in New York City. The Louisiana native first landed on Seventh Avenue in the 1950s and started his line in 1963, raising the standards of American design with technical innovations, sumptuous fabrics and minimalist creations whose streamlined silhouettes belied their complicated construction. He dressed numerous First Ladies and socialites, including Pat Nixon, Lady Bird Johnson and Gloria Vanderbilt, and was widely admired for his facility with cut and his uncompromising creative vision. He created the playful baby-doll dress in the 1960s and the sporty "Beene bag" dress in the '70s, and in the early '90s used ballerinas as models to demonstrate the ethereal lightness of his designs. Known as a contrarian among his Seventh Avenue peers, Beene did not follow trends or play the fashion game, often rejecting the notion of fashion as commerce in favor of it as art.

—By Kate Betts

24 YEARS
AGO IN TIME

After several days of small earthquakes, **MOUNT ST. HELENS** erupted late last week. When the mountain in Washington State exploded back in 1980, TIME recounted the devastation in a cover story.



"Vancouver, Vancouver, this is it!" The frantic warning was radioed at precisely 8:31 a.m. on that fateful Sunday by Volcano Expert David Johnson, 30, who had climbed to a monitoring site five miles from Washington State's Mount St. Helens in the snow-capped Cascade Range, 40 miles northeast of Portland, Ore. He wanted to peer through binoculars at an ominous bulge building up below the crater, which had been rumbling and steaming for eight weeks, and report his observations to the U.S. Geological Survey. Seconds after his shouted message, a stupendous explosion of trapped gases, generating about 500 times the force of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, blew the top off Mount St. Helens. In a single burst St. Helens was transformed from a postcard-symmetrical cone 9,677 ft. high to an ugly flattop 1,300 ft. lower... Johnson was never heard from again.

—TIME, June 2, 1980



CHRISTINE MUSCHI—REUTERS

MOVING. MONTREAL EXPOS; to Washington; after 36 years in Canada; to become the capital's first Major

League team since the old Senators left in 1971.

RECOVERING. TONY BLAIR, 51, British Prime Minister; from a procedure to correct an irregular heartbeat; in London. Blair, who first disclosed his heart problem last year, underwent a successful catheter ablation to restore normal heart rhythm. In announcing his treatment, he also vowed to seek a third term.

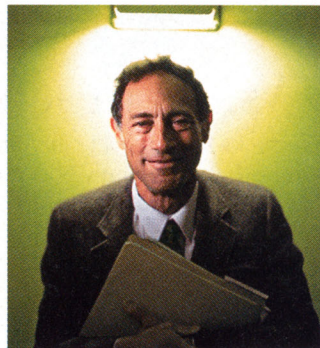
CHARGED. PHIL SPECTOR, 64, eccentric record producer who created the "wall of sound" pop style in the 1960s; in the murder of Lana Clarkson, 40, last year; in Los Angeles. The actress was working as a hostess at the House of Blues on the night she went home with Spector, who has said she shot herself.

SENTENCED. ABD AL-RAHIM AL-NASHIRI and **JAMAL AL-BADAWI**; to death, by firing squad; for the 2000 attack on the U.S.S. *Cole*,

which killed 17 sailors; in Sana'a, Yemen. The Saudi-born al-Nashiri, considered an associate of Osama bin Laden's and the mastermind of the *Cole* attack, has been in CIA custody outside the U.S. since 2002 and was tried by the Yemenis in absentia.

MARRIED. BILLY JOEL, 55, singer-songwriter and former husband of Christie Brinkley; to Kate Lee, 23, a restaurant correspondent for the PBS show *George Hirsch: Living It Up!*; in Long Island, N.Y.

▼ **DIED. JOHN E. MACK, 74**, controversial Pulitzer prize-winning psychiatrist; after being hit by a drunk driver; in London. Mack, a Harvard Medical School professor, was best known for his studies of people who claimed to have had alien encounters. His 1994 book on the subject, which concluded



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that "the abduction phenomenon has important philosophical, spiritual and social implications," caused Harvard to consider censure, but a committee later "reaffirmed Dr. Mack's academic freedom."

DIED. RICHARD AVEDON, 81, celebrated art and fashion photographer; of complications of a cerebral hemorrhage; in San Antonio, Texas (see page 54).

DIED. KATHARINA DALTON, 87, British gynecologist and early expert on premenstrual syndrome; in Poole, England. She began studying the connection between the menstrual cycle and behavioral swings when, as a pregnant medical student, she noticed that her premenstrual migraines had subsided. She gave the syndrome its name and treated sufferers with progesterone therapy, a regimen that was later rejected by most doctors.

DIED. JEAN RUTH HAY, 87, the world's first global disk jockey, who woke millions of American troops during World War II with her plucky *Reveille with Beverly* program; in Fortuna, Calif. Instead of a bugler's blast, soldiers were greeted with big-band music and Hay's signature line, "Hi there, boys of the U.S.A."