



LIFE



LOVE BLOOMS (SOMETIMES)

Kennedys: AH-H-H!
Royals: OOPS!
Michael Jackson:
HUH?

WOMEN SOAR, KIDS RULE

First Wives,
Soccer Moms,
Kerri, Shannon,
Rosie, Liv

WEATHER REIGNS

Hurricanes! Fires!
Blizzards! Floods!

MARS ROCKS

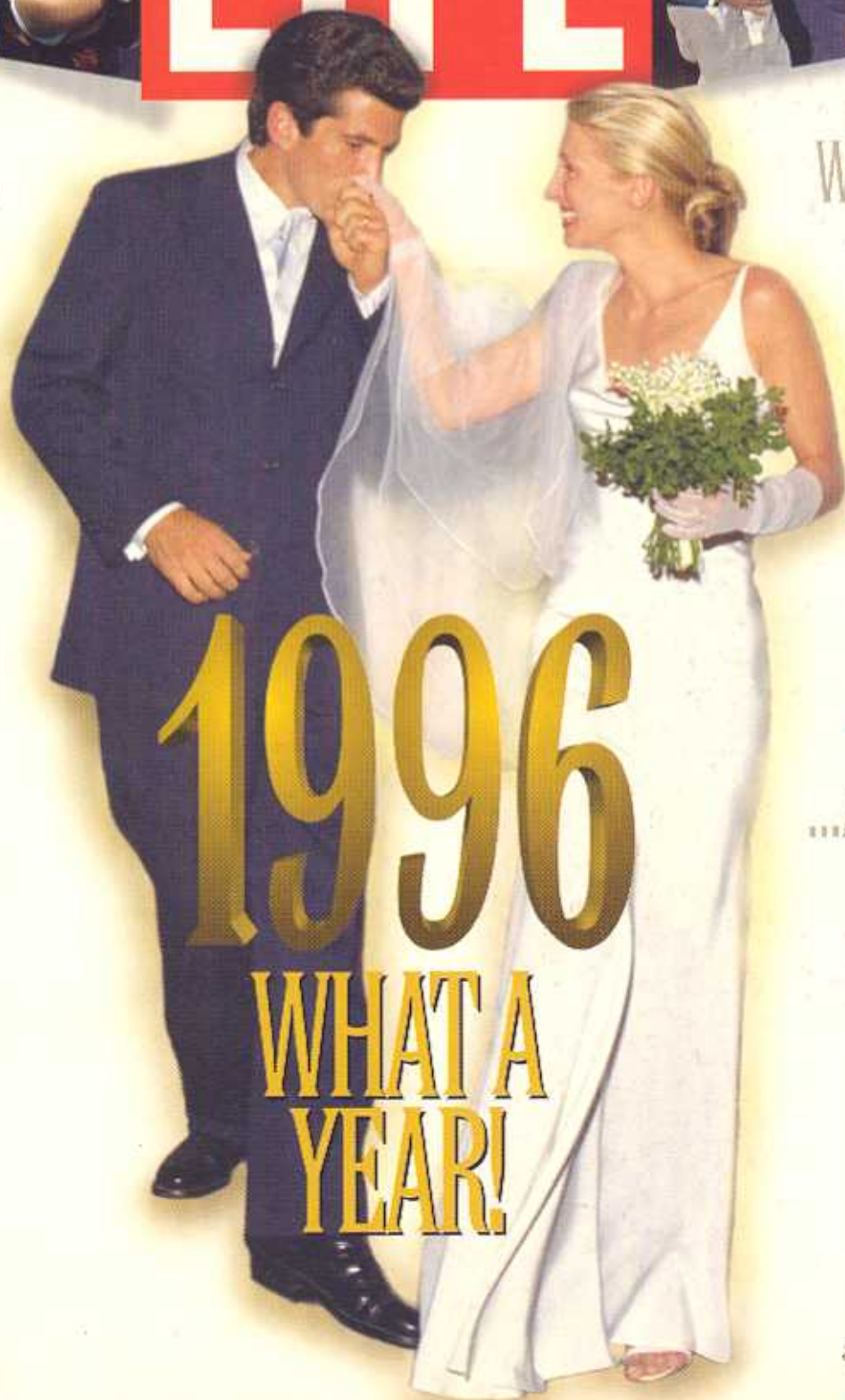
Aliens invade.

AMERICA MOURNS

The victims
of TWA 800
and ValuJet 592

...AND FRIENDS DEPART

George Burns,
Gene Kelly,
Ella Fitzgerald,
Erma Bombeck,
Tupac Shakur



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**A BRIDGE TO
THE 15TH
CENTURY**

When she made her official debut at Washington, D.C.'s National Geographic Society in May, President Clinton dubbed her "a good-looking mummy." Which is, in part, what makes this 500-year-old Inca teenager such a treasure. "She's so important because of her really fine condition," said the archaeologist who discovered her atop Mount Ampato in the Andes. Well-nourished, wearing alpaca robes and a feather headdress, she was frozen soon after her death into an icy tomb, where she stayed until released by heat from a nearby volcanic eruption. While the remains offer clues into Incan culture, they also let us see something of the girl herself. Her death came with honor—she was sacrificed to a mountain god—but not without fear: One hand still tensely grips her garment, belying the perpetual serenity of her face.

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