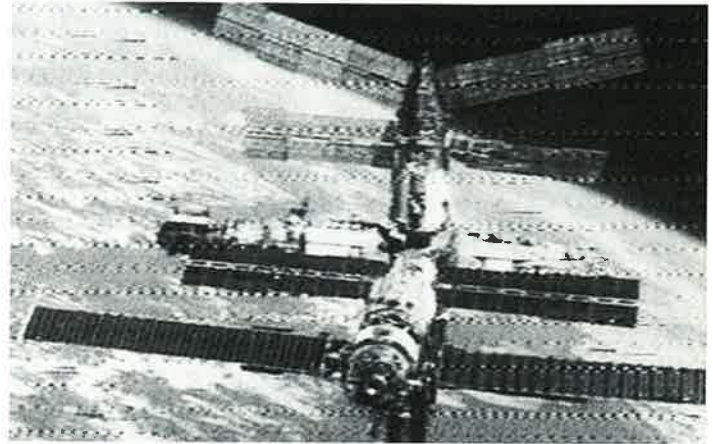




World Events 1997-98

Britain and the world bid farewell to **Diana, Princess of Wales**, on a September morning. Since her death in a car crash in Paris a week before, the country had witnessed an astonishing outpouring of grief that forced a repentant monarchy to join in the kind of full celebration of Diana's life. It was a crowd unmatched since the end of WWII. More than a million bouquets by official count were stacked outside the royal palaces.

The first component of the **MIR space station** was launched in 1986 and except for two brief gaps, the space station has been manned continuously every since. It has made more than 60,000 trips around the Earth. In 1994, the U.S. and Russia agreed to conduct joint missions aboard the station. The main MIR module has been orbiting for 12 years, which is 7 years longer than planned.



The **Florida Marlins** became Major League Baseball's world champions in 1997, beating the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. Just 5 years old, the Marlins won it all with a score of 3-2.

The **Verve Pipe** is an incredible rock/pop/alternative band from East Lansing, Michigan. Their latest single, "The Freshman," enjoyed time at #1 on the Billboard chart.

