

"1969 REALLY WAS A MIRACLE YEAR"  
BY PAT /SALTY

IN SPORTS, LONG ISLANDS TWO  
TEAMS - THE METS AND THE JETS -  
WHO AT THAT TIME BOTH PLAYED OUT  
OF SHEA STADIUM RIGHT HERE ON  
LONG ISLAND - BOTH TEAMS ROSE UP  
FROM THE BOTTOM AS ULTIMATE  
UNDERDOGS AND SHOCKED THE SPORTS  
WORLD BY WINNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.  
THE JETS WENT ALL THE WAY AND WON  
THE SUPER BOWL IN JANUARY OF 1969  
- A MIRACLE OF SPORTS! - AND THE  
METS WENT ALL THE WAY AND WON THE  
WORLD SERIES IN OCTOBER OF 1969  
- A DOUBLE SPORTS MIRACLE IN THE SAME YEAR! -  
IN SPORTS - AS FAR AS UNDERDOGS ~~GO~~  
RISING TO THE TOP GO - IT HAD NEVER  
HAPPENED BEFORE AND HAS NEVER HAPPENED  
SENSE (FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT TO  
IMAGINE WHAT A REAL MIRACLE OF  
SPORTS SHOCKER LIKE THAT FELT LIKE, TRY  
IMAGINING WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF  
THIS YEAR, OR NEXT, BOTH THE CHICAGO  
CUBS WON THE WORLD SERIES AND THE  
DETROIT ~~W~~ LIONS WON THE SUPER BOWL!)  
I WAS JUST A KID BUT I - SALTY -  
I WAS THERE. I WATCHED IT AND SAW  
IT ALL UNFOLD AND HAPPEN.  
AND THATS JUST WHAT HAPPENED IN SPORTS;  
MAN ALSO LANDED ON AND WALKED ON  
THE MOON FOR THE FIRST TIME IN  
HISTORY THAT MAGICAL YEAR OF 1969.

→

(2)

We who were ALIVE BACK THEN SAW IT AND HEARD IT AND WATCHED IT WITH OUR OWN EYES, TOO. ON T.V. ~~1969~~ 1969 SAW TWO PRESIDENTS, ALSO, JOHNSON AND NIXON; LYNDON JOHNSON - WHO HAD TAKEN OVER THE PRESIDENCY WITHIN AN HOUR OR ~~TWO~~ SO OF ~~THE~~ JOHN KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS (BACK IN 1963) LEFT OFFICE IN JANUARY OF 1969 AND RICHARD NIXON TOOK OVER. THE BEATLES AND STONES AND DOORS AND ALL WERE STILL ALL TOGETHER AND CRANKING OUT ALBUMS EVERY 6 MONTHS OR SO - ONE RELEASED JUST BEFORE EACH X-MASS AND THE SECOND RELEASED ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SUMMER AROUND JUNE, AS A RULE. NOT - AS TODAY - BEATLES & STONES & DOORS MUSIC ON CLASSIC ROCK BUT NEW - AT THAT TIME - MUSIC CRANKED OUT REGULARLY, BY ALL GROUPS. WOODSTOCK HAPPENED THAT SUMMER, TOO. AS DID THE TATE - LA BIANCA MURDERS WHICH WERE SHOCKING NEWS TO ALL (A "CHRIST" LIKE HIPPIE CULT LEADER NAMED MANSON WOULD NOT BE PUBLICLY NAMED UNTIL NOV. - DEC. OF 1969) SO MANY THINGS HAPPENED THAT YEAR. SO MANY OUTRAGIOUS THINGS. THAT WHOLE YEAR WENT LIKE THAT. WHEN YOU HEAR PEOPLE WRITE ABOUT OR TALK ABOUT "THE SWINGING 60'S" - MAN! - THAT DECADE REALLY CLOSED WITH A BANG - IN 1969!