



IT HAPPENED IN 1969

NOTABLE:

- Popular songs: “Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In,” Fifth Dimension; “Sugar, Sugar,” the Archies; “In the Year 2525,” Zager & Evans; “Get Back” The Beatles.
- “The Saturday Evening Post” stops publication.
- Mohammar Gadhafi seizes power in a Libyan coup.
- Television show debuts: “The Brady Bunch,” “Love, American Style,” “Marcus Welby, M.D.,” “Room 222.”
- Popular movies: “They Shoot Horses, Don’t They?,” “Easy Rider,” “True Grit,” “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.”

COST OF LIVING:

- The cost of first class postage is 6¢.
- Stereo albums sold for \$2.87 and 8-track cartridges were \$3.88.
- The board game “Monopoly” sells for \$3.33.
- The average cost of a gallon of gasoline is 34¢.

SPORTS:

- Major League baseball introduces divisional playoffs during its 100th year anniversary.
- The New York Mets, once the worst team in baseball, win the World Series in five games over the Baltimore Orioles.
- In Superbowl III, the underdog New York Jets topple the Baltimore Colts, 16-7.
- UCLA wins the NCAA basketball title by defeating Purdue, 97-92.

HEADLINES:

- On July 20, Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to set foot on the moon.
- Richard M. Nixon is inaugurated as the 37th U. S. President.
- Senator Edward Kennedy is involved in an auto accident at Chappaquiddick (Martha’s Vineyard, MA) in which Mary Jo Kopechne is killed.
- Charles Manson is arrested for the murder of Sharon Tate and four others in Hollywood.
- James Earl Ray is sentenced to 99 years for the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Sirhan Sirhan is sentenced to death for killing Robert F. Kennedy.