

A photograph of a middle-aged man with thinning hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue striped shirt. He is smiling and holding a large, white, brick-like mobile phone to his ear with his right hand. The phone is a Motorola DynaTAC 8000X, the first handheld mobile phone. The background is a solid orange color.

Today in History

April 3, 1973

▲ A Motorola researcher made the first call on a handheld mobile phone. The device cost \$3,995 and weighed 1.1kg, leading to its nickname “the brick”

1949: An armistice signed between Israel and neighbours Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, officially ended the hostilities of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war

1961: Leadbeater’s Possum, emblem of Australia’s State of Victoria, was rediscovered after 50 years

1981: Osborne 1, the first successful portable computer, was unveiled

1987: The late Duchess of Windsor’s jewels fetched over \$62 million at auction in Geneva, Switzerland