

Making Waves: 75 Years of Radio Technology

1950s



1950

President Truman signed the law creating the National Science Foundation and its governing board.



1954

Color TVs became publicly available from RCA while NBC began regular color broadcasts.



1958

The U.S. launched Explorer 1, the first satellite to report a major space discovery through radio.



1960s



1961

FM radio's first official stereo broadcast in the U.S., bringing richer sound to listeners nationwide.



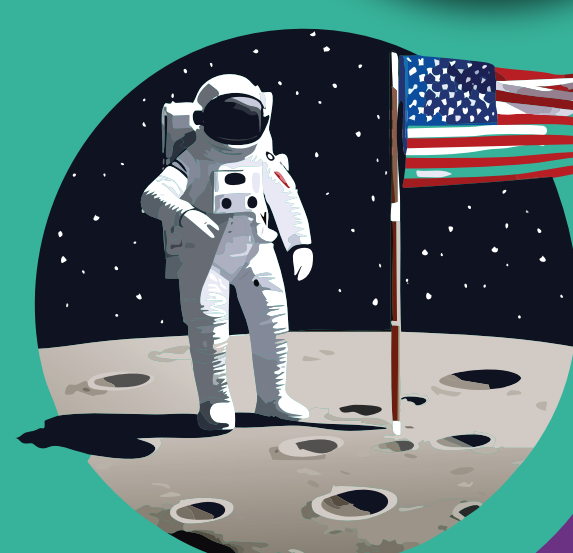
1963

The Arecibo Observatory opened in Puerto Rico, advancing radio astronomy and deep-space signal research.



1969

Over 600 million people watched live TV from the Moon, thanks to radio signals transmitted by Apollo 11.



1970s



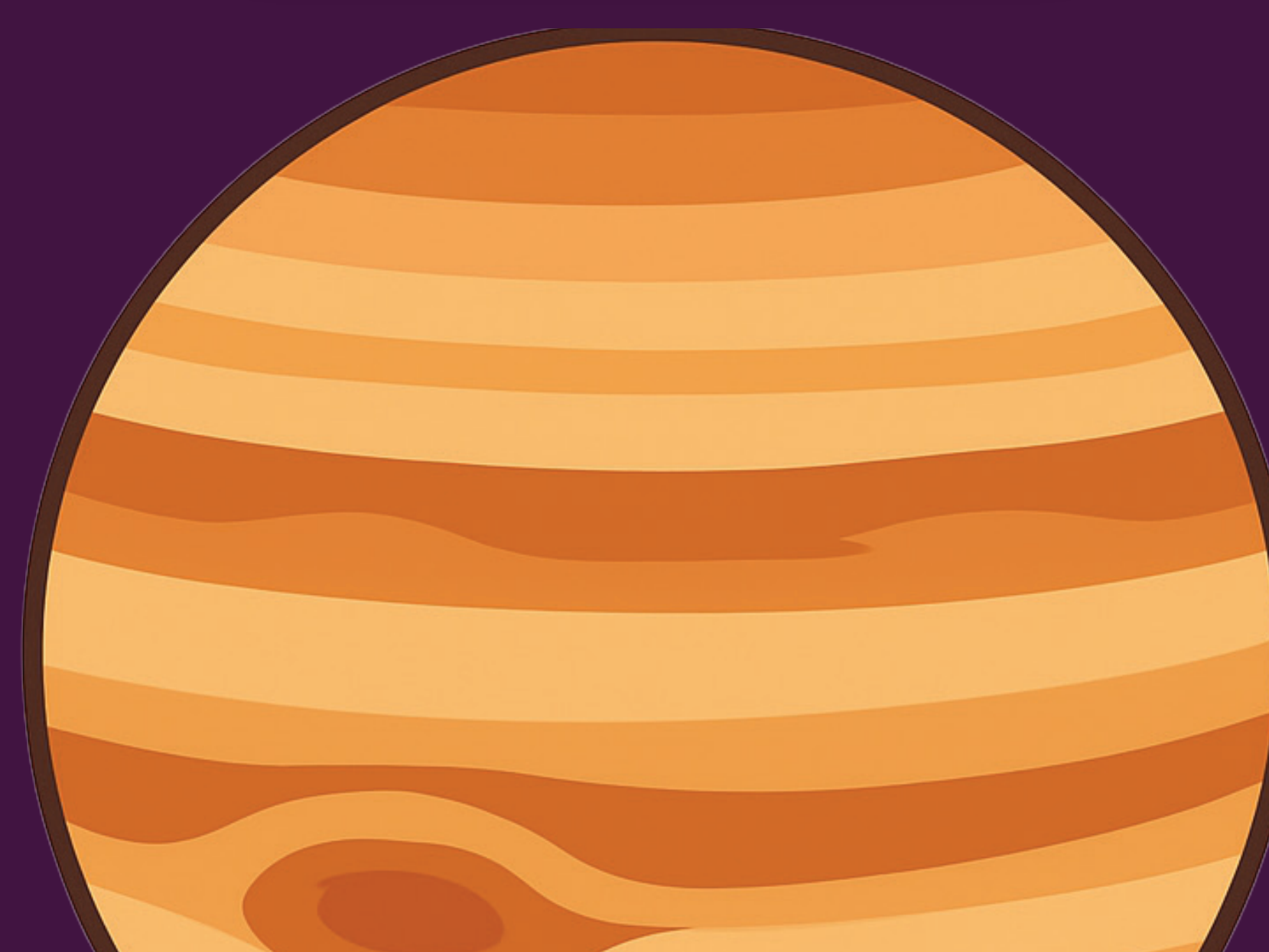
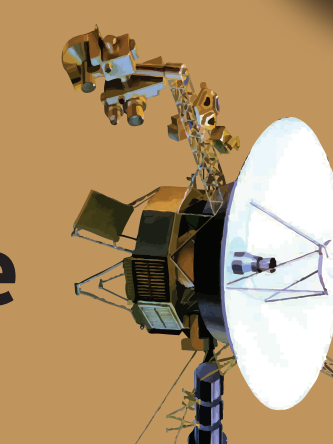
1973

Motorola made the first handheld mobile phone call, marking a leap in wireless communication.



1977

Launched in 1977, NASA's Voyager probes began sending radio signals across the solar system and beyond.



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1983

Columbia led the move from ground stations to near-global satellite communications in space.



1984

Atari's bold move to wireless game controllers was short-lived, ending after a year due to high costs and interference issues.



1988

Motorola's MicroTAC flipped open a new chapter in mobile phones that could fit in your pocket.

