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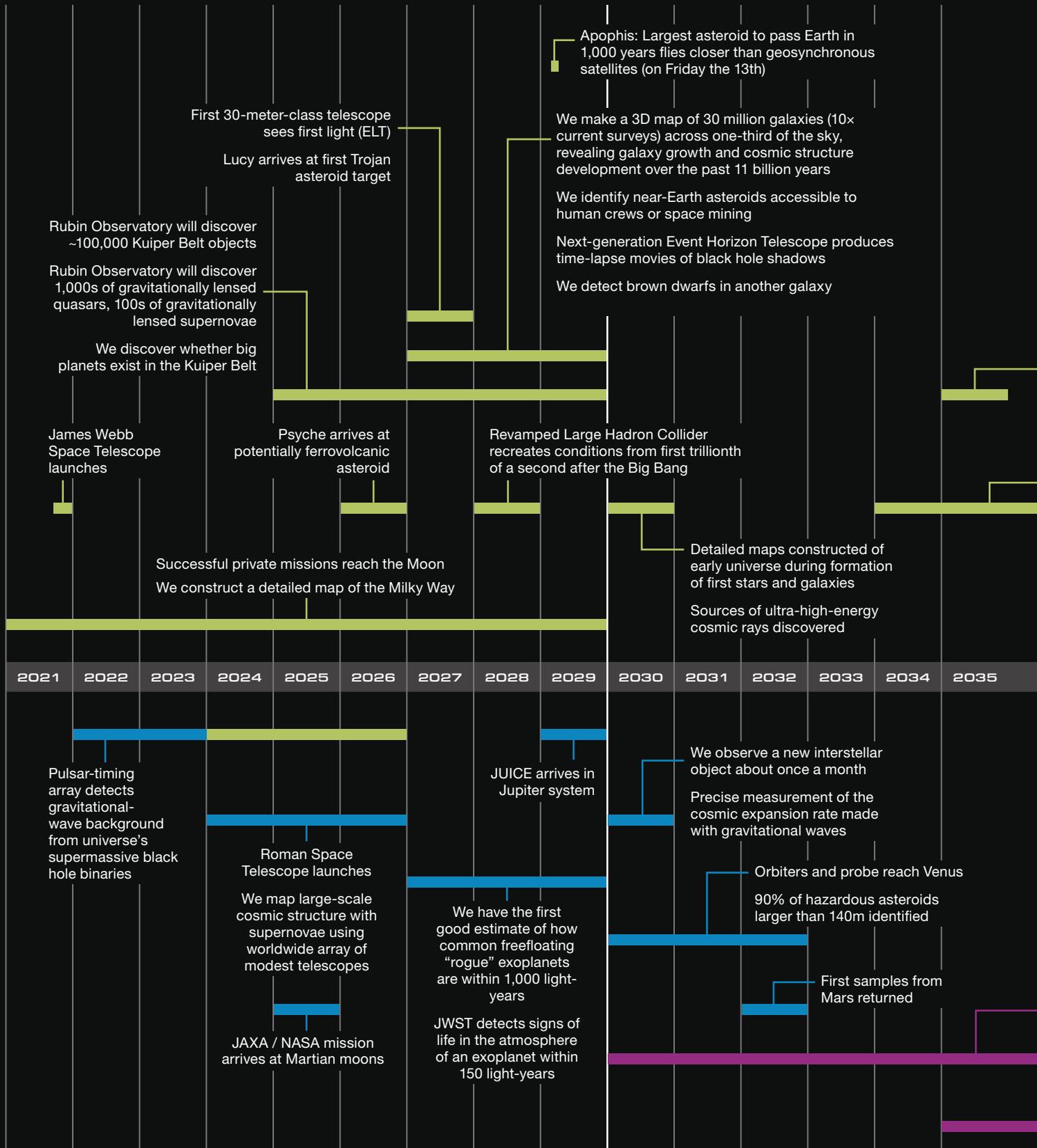
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Science Editor Camille M. Carlisle and editorial intern Lauren Sgro pestered dozens of astronomers to amass this list. Art Director Terri Dubé reined everything in.

