2022

The deepest view of the universe, and fusion that gives back more than it takes.

The James Webb Space Telescope opened its eyes, NASA moved an asteroid, and a laser lab in California reached ignition.

What rose

July. The James Webb Space Telescope releases its first images. Source: James Webb Space Telescope

September. NASA's DART spacecraft strikes the asteroid Dimorphos and shortens its orbit: the first test of planetary defense. Source: Double Asteroid Redirection Test

November. Artemis I flies an uncrewed Orion around the Moon. ChatGPT is released. Source: Artemis I

December. The National Ignition Facility achieves fusion ignition: more energy out of the fuel than the lasers put in. Source: National Ignition Facility

What fell or stalled

Inflation in the U.S. and the euro area reached its highest in about 40 years. Source: 2021–2023 inflation surge

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