Chandra has had its driver's license for a while now. In August 2015, Chandra passed the 16th anniversary of another milestone in the mission—the release of the “First Light” images from the telescope (see Cassiopeia A below). The targets include objects as close as the Earth and as distant as black holes near the edge of the observable Universe. These observations have resulted in more than 6,000 research papers in science journals, an average of about a paper a day, a good reward for all of that hard work.

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