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AXAF renamed Chandra X-ray Observatory; launch after April 8

NASA announced Monday the Advanced X-ray Astrophysics Facility (AXAF) has been renamed the Chandra X-ray Observatory in honor of the late Indian-American Nobel Laureate Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar. The Marshall Center manages the Chandra X-ray Observatory program for NASA's Office of Space Science, Washington, D.C. "Chandra," a shortened version of Chandrasekhar's name, also means "Moon" or "luminous" in Sanskrit and was chosen in a contest to rename the X-ray telescope. The observatory will be carried to space aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia on mission STS-93, scheduled for launch no earlier than April 8, 1999.

Cafeterias centerwide to close Dec. 24-25, Dec. 31-Jan. 1

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