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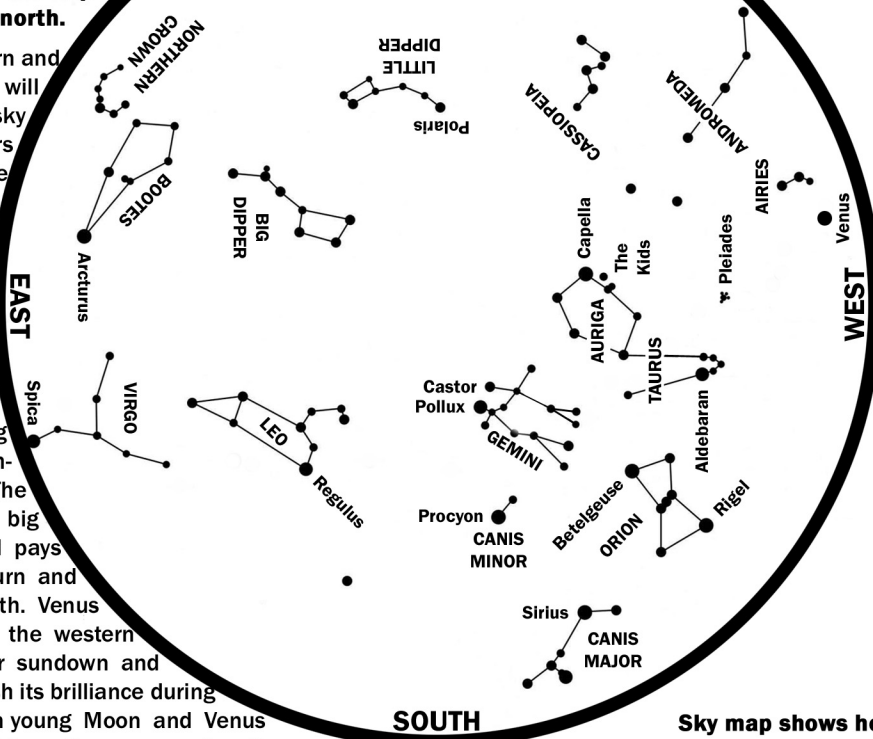
Instructions : Hold the sky map over your head with the top of the map facing north.

The ringed world Saturn and the Red Planet Mars will rise in the southeast sky during the small hours of the morning. Before dawn breaks on the 2nd both planets will huddle very close to each other low in the south. Jupiter will be bright and prominent when it rises around the midnight hour and can be spotted floating very low in the southwest before sunup. The Moon rests just above big Jupiter on the 3rd and pays a close visit with Saturn and Mars on the 7th and 8th. Venus is visible very low in the western evening sky right after sundown and will continue to unleash its brilliance during all of April. A razor-thin young Moon and Venus create a stunning sight as they appear together above the western horizon on the 18th. The Moon should not be too much of a problem this year for the Lyrid meteor shower which runs from the night of the 21st until morning of the 22nd. Expect up to 20 meteors per hour to streak across the heavens. The Full Pink Moon on the 29th is associated with the sign of spring flowers.

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Sky map shows how the night sky looks
Early April 10 P.M.
Late April 9 P.M.