

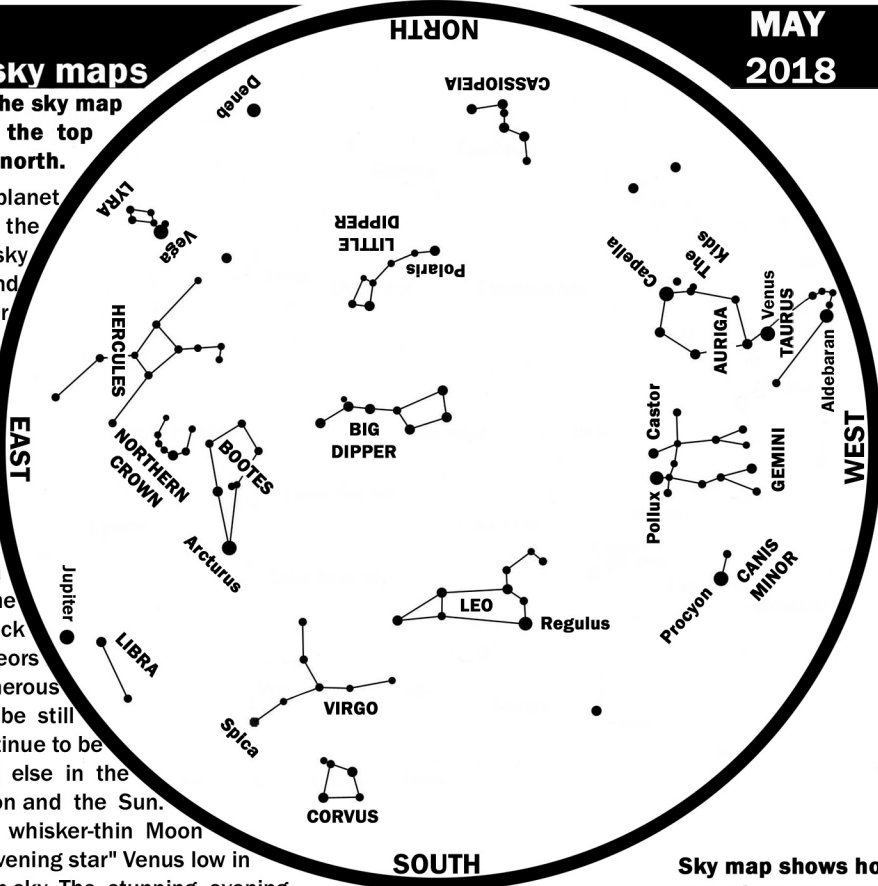
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Instructions : Hold the sky map over your head with the top of the map facing north.

Pale yellow ringed planet Saturn floats low in the southern pre-dawn sky during the month and will have an encounter with a lunar crescent on the 4th. From the night of the 6th until morning of the 7th particles from Comet Halley can be seen shooting across the heavens at 66 km per second during the Eta Aquarid shower. The crescent Moon will block out the fainter meteors but there will be numerous radiant ones that will be still visible. Venus will continue to be brighter than anything else in the sky except for the Moon and the Sun. On the 17th look for a whisker-thin Moon as it teams up with "evening star" Venus low in the darkening western sky. The stunning evening couple will sit side by side and set shortly after sundown. The Red Planet Mars is just two months away from being closer to Earth than it has been in 15 years. During May you can see Mars double in brightness as it glows low in the south during morning twilight. Jupiter hugs the eastern horizon after sunset and has the Moon stop by on the 27th.

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

