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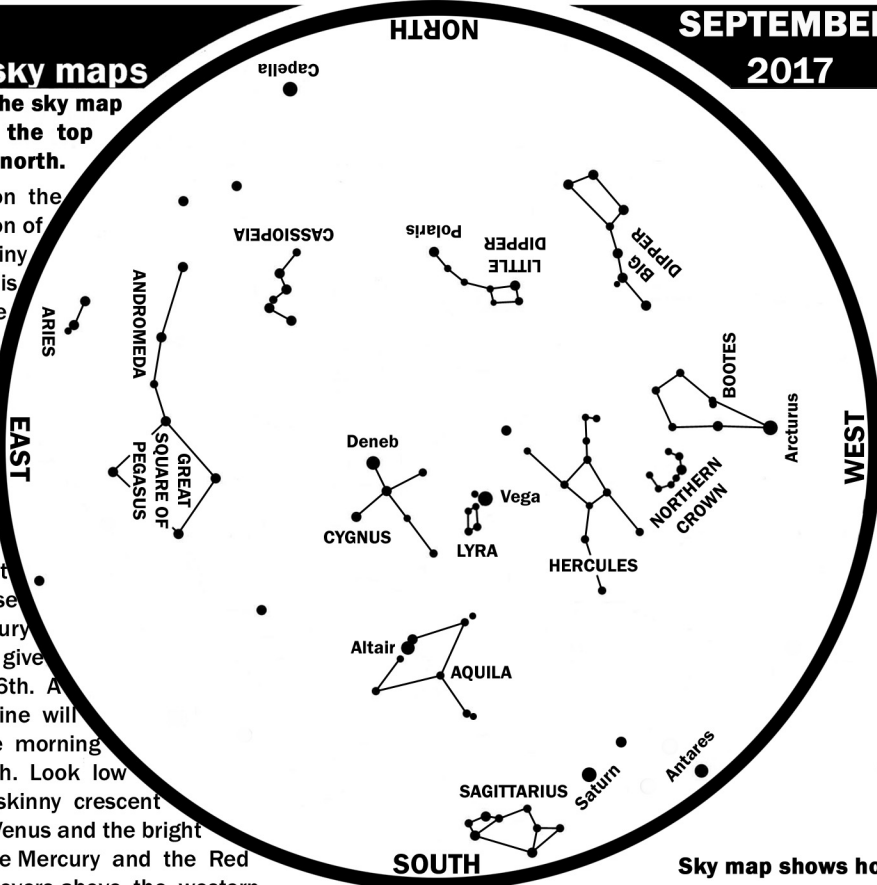
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Instructions : Hold the sky map over your head with the top of the map facing north.

The Full Corn Moon on the 6th is the last Full Moon of the summer season. Tiny inner planet Mercury is visible near the sunrise point on the eastern horizon 70 minutes before the Sun this month. The crescent Moon swings by the bright Gemini stars Castor and Pollux on the 14th during morning twilight. Red Planet Mars has a super close encounter with Mercury as darkness starts to give way to dawn on the 16th. A spectacular celestial line will be stacked up in the morning twilight sky on the 18th. Look low in the east to see a skinny crescent Moon below dazzling Venus and the bright star Regulus, but above Mercury and the Red Planet Mars. Jupiter hovers above the western horizon throughout the month in strong twilight. A thin Moon visits close to Jupiter after sundown on the 21st. The beginning of autumn in the northern hemisphere is on the 22nd. Saturn lies low in the southern sky as dusk approaches and pairs up with red star Antares. On the night of the 26th the Moon appears above Saturn.

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