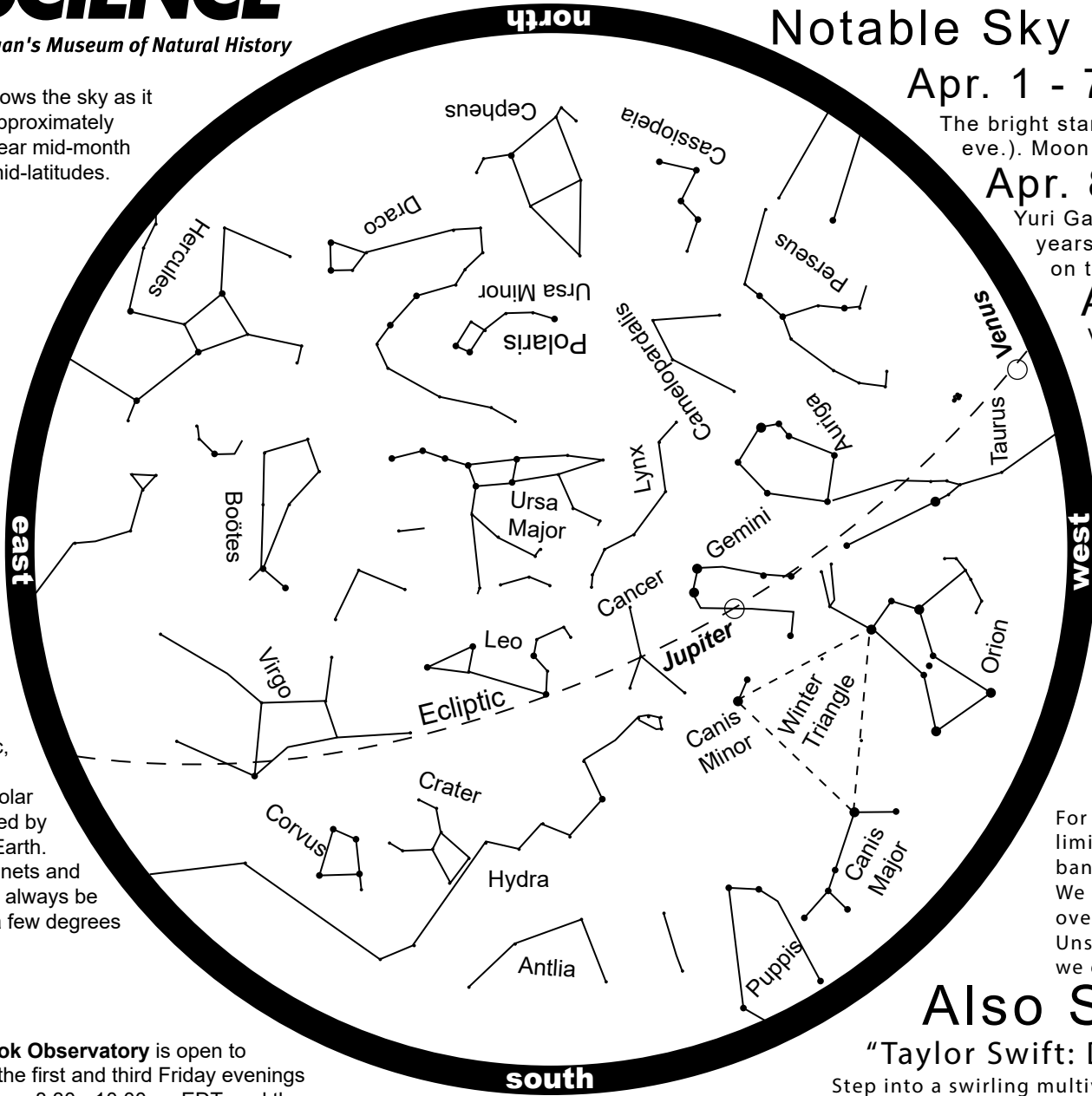


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## Notable Sky Happenings



This chart shows the sky as it appears at approximately 10pm EDT near mid-month at northern mid-latitudes.



What is that dashed line? It's the ecliptic, the reference plane of the solar system, defined by the Sun and Earth. The major planets and the Moon can always be found within a few degrees of this plane.

The Cranbrook Observatory is open to the public on the first and third Friday evenings each month from 8:30 - 10:00pm EDT, and the first Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00pm for solar viewing.

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### Apr. 1 - 7

The bright star above the Moon on the 2nd is Spica (ESE eve.). Moon is right of Antares on the 6th (SSW morn.).

### Apr. 8 - 14

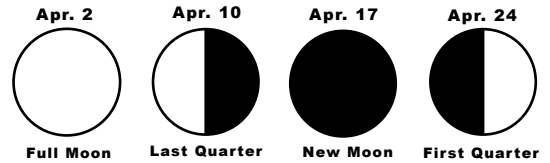
Yuri Gagarin became the first man to orbit Earth 65 years ago on the 12th. Christiaan Huygens was born on the 14th in 1629.

### Apr. 15 - 21

Venus is to the left of the Moon on the 18th and below on the 19th (WNW evening).

### Apr. 22 - 30

The Moon is above Jupiter on the 22nd (W evening). The Lyrid meteor shower peaks on the evening of the 22nd-23rd. Occultation (covering) of Regulus by the Moon on the 25th. Star disappears at 8:28pm EDT and reappears at 9:11pm EDT (times are for Detroit).



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