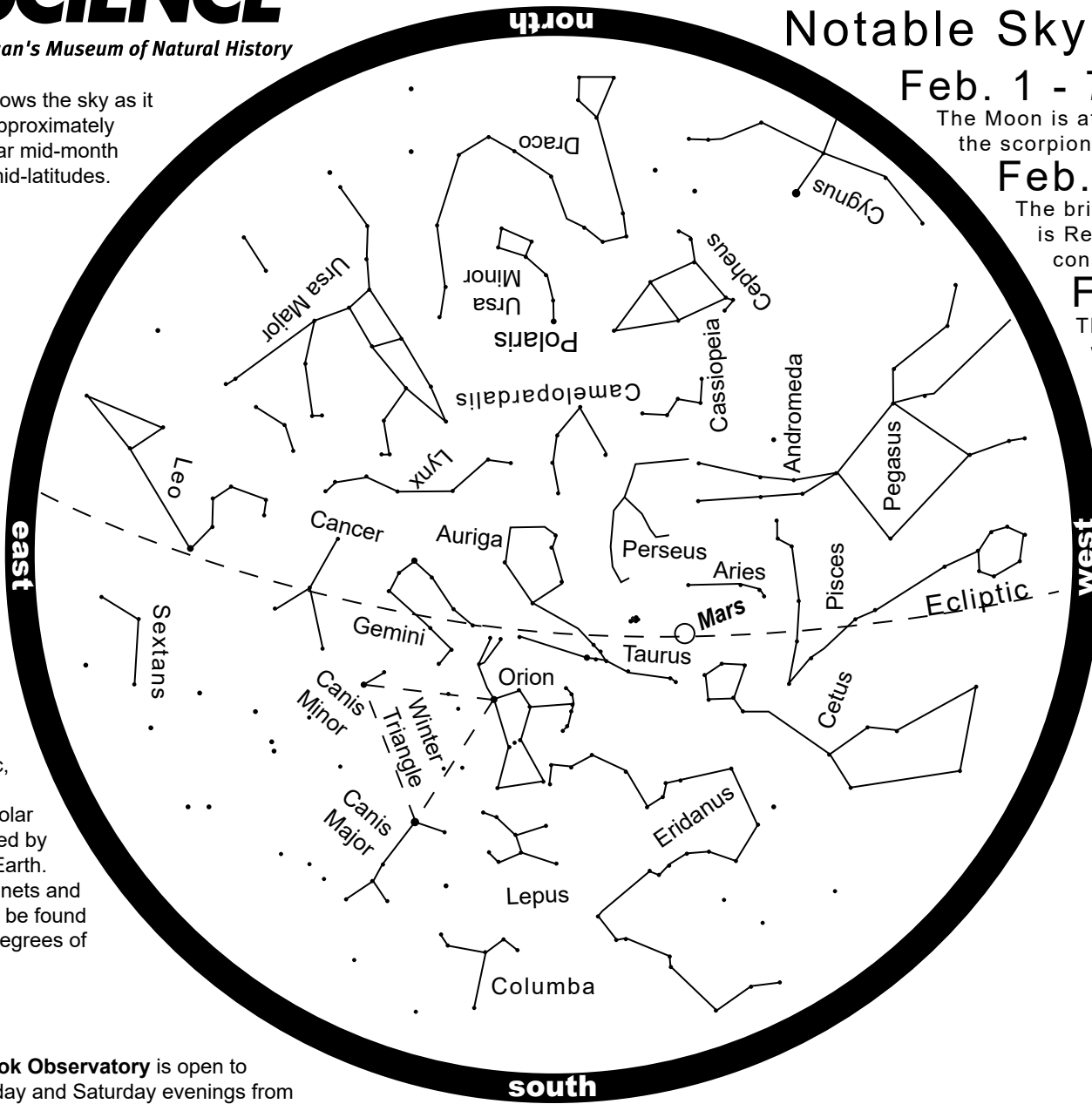


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Notable Sky Happenings



This chart shows the sky as it appears at approximately 8pm EST near mid-month at northern mid-latitudes.



Feb. 1 - 7

The Moon is at the upper left of Antares, the "heart" of Scorpius the scorpion, in the south-southeast predawn sky on the 6th.

Feb. 8 - 14

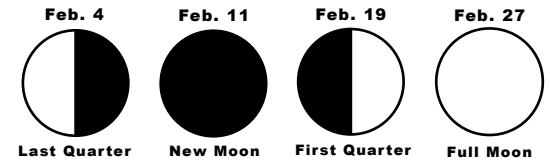
The bright star rising in the east after sunset this month is Regulus, the "heart of Leo the lion. This springtime constellation is a welcome sight!

Feb. 15 - 21

The bright orange star above the Moon in the southwest the evening of the 18th is Mars. The Moon is at the upper right of Aldebaran in the south on the 19th and at the upper left on the 20th.

Feb. 22 - 29

The Moon is at the lower right of Pollux in the SE the evening of the 23rd. The "twin" star Castor is above. The Moon is at the lower left of Regulus in the east the evening of the 26th.



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