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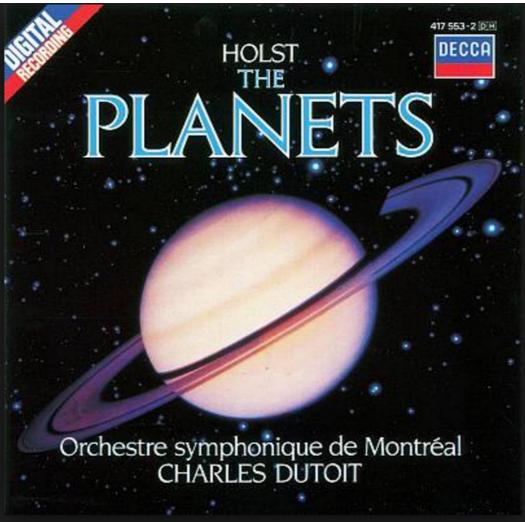
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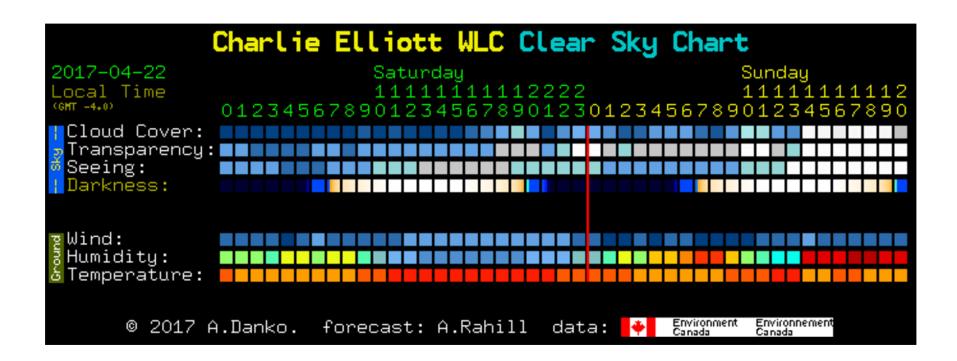
King Jupiter



Musical Score:

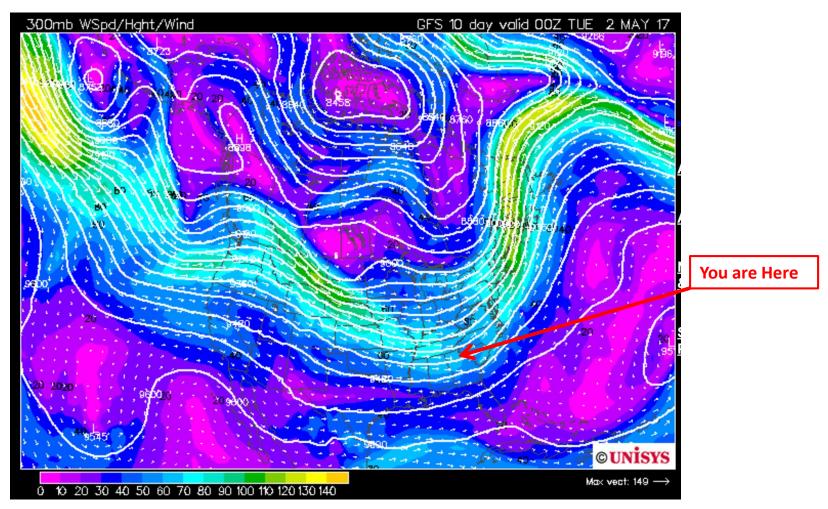






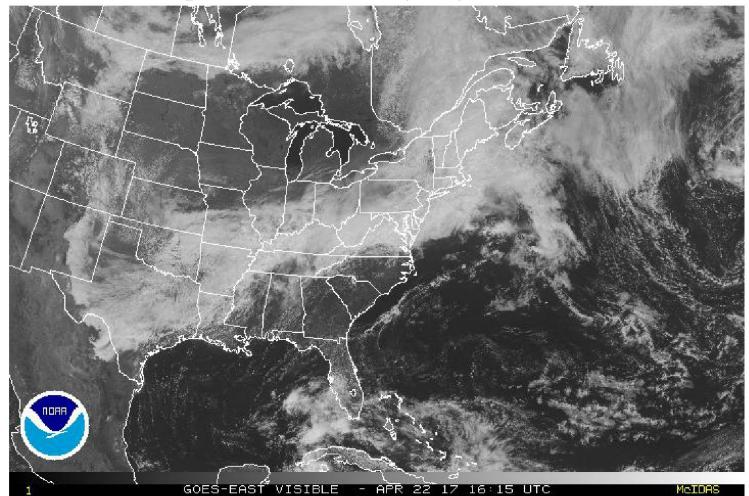


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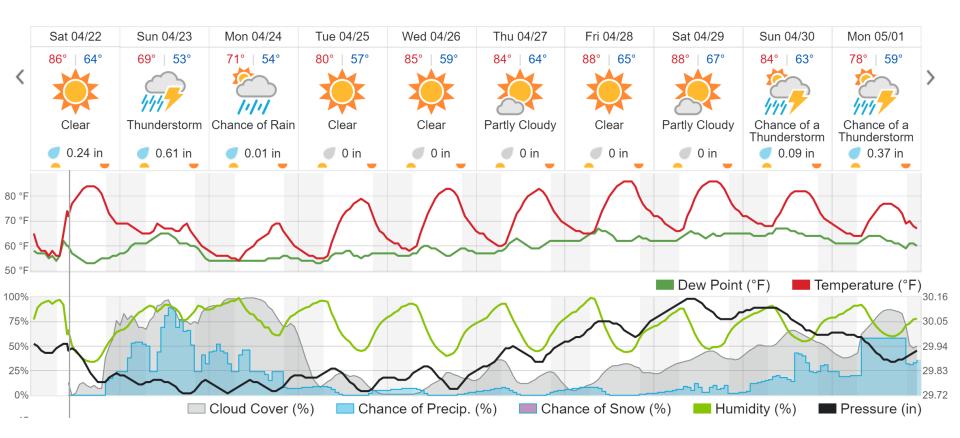


(visible satellite: http://www.ssd.noaa.gov/goes/east/eaus/flash-vis.html)





(Weather forecast data by www.wunderground.com)





The Solar System: April 22, 2017

Body	Constellation	Rise	Set	When to View
Sun	Pisces	6:57 AM	8:13 PM	Too much for my liking
Moon	Aquarius	4:36 AM	4:12 PM	On the way to work
Mercury	Pisces	6:43 AM	7:50 PM	Wait for it4/29
Venus	Pisces	5:13 AM	5:27 PM	Morning star
Mars	Aries	8:25 AM	10:29 PM	Meh
Jupiter	Virgo	6:45 PM	6:26 AM	The King is up all night
Saturn	Sagittarius	12:24 AM	10:22 PM	Graveyard Shift
Uranus	Pisces	6:39 AM	7:32 PM	Someday, but not now
Neptune	Aquarius	4:51 AM	4:15 PM	Ditto
Pluto	Sagittarius	1:55 AM	11:59 AM	See previous





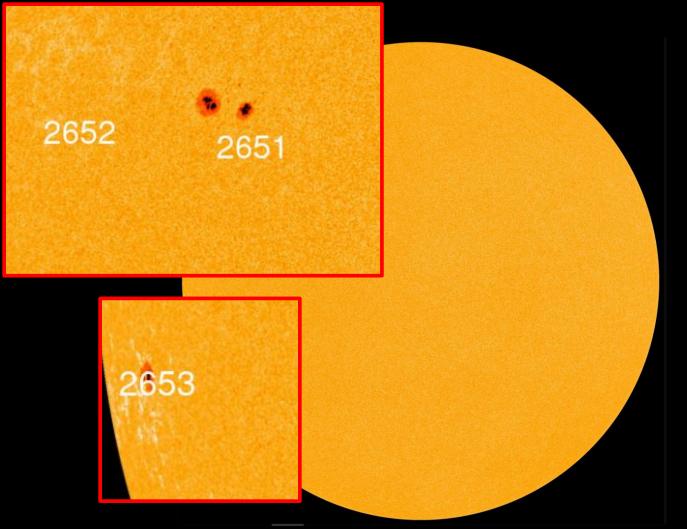
The Solar Update





The Sun: April 22, 2017

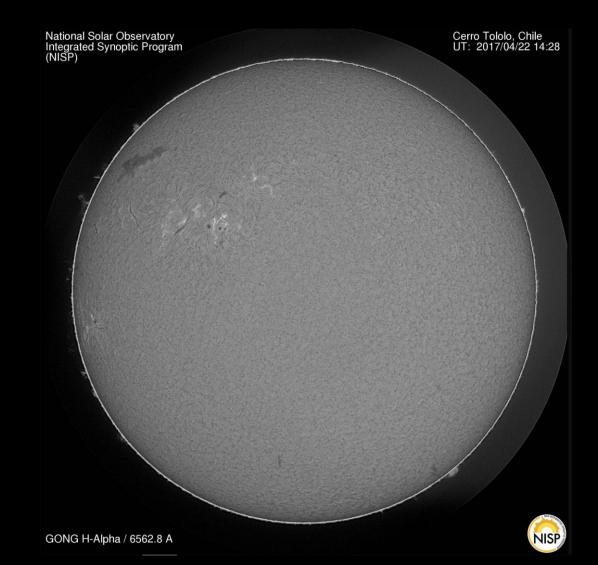
Solar image by www.spaceweather.com





The Sun-Hα: April 22, 2017

Image by www.gong2.nso.edu – Cerro Tololo, Chile





The Sun: April 22, 2017 Sunspot Report

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:Product: 0422SRS.txt
:Issued: 2017 Apr 22 0030 UTC
# Prepared jointly by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA,
# Space Weather Prediction Center and the U.S. Air Force.
#
Joint USAF/NOAA Solar Region Summary
SRS Number 112 Issued at 0030Z on 22 Apr 2017
Report compiled from data received at SWO on 21 Apr
I. Regions with Sunspots. Locations Valid at 21/2400Z
Nmbr Location Lo Area Z LL
                                 NN Mag Type
2651 N12E30 071 0130 Cao 05
                                07 Beta
2652 N13E45 056 0010 Hrx 01 01 Alpha
2653 S09E76 025 0040 Hax 02
                                01 Alpha
IA. H-alpha Plages without Spots. Locations Valid at 21/2400Z Apr
Nmbr Location Lo
None
II. Regions Due to Return 22 Apr to 24 Apr
Nmbr Lat
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None
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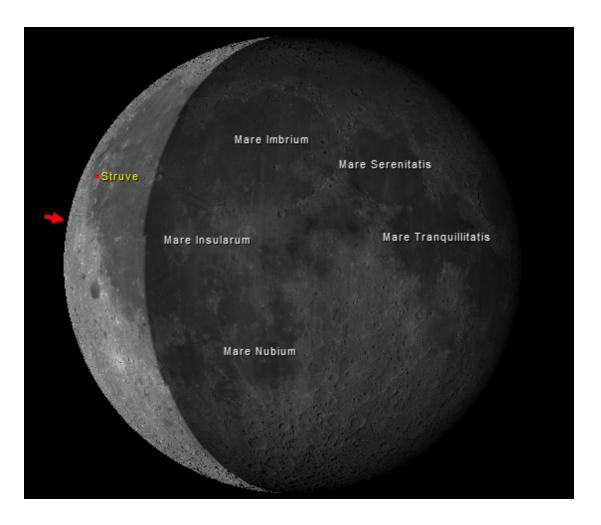
The Lunar Update!



Image by Mike Shaw: Craters Moretus and Short



The Moon: April 22, 2017



Lunation: 25.5 Day

Illumination: 17.5%

Mag: -7.1

Distance: 235,106 mi 379,279 km 1.27 Light Second

Apparent Diameter: 31.5'

Location: Aquarius

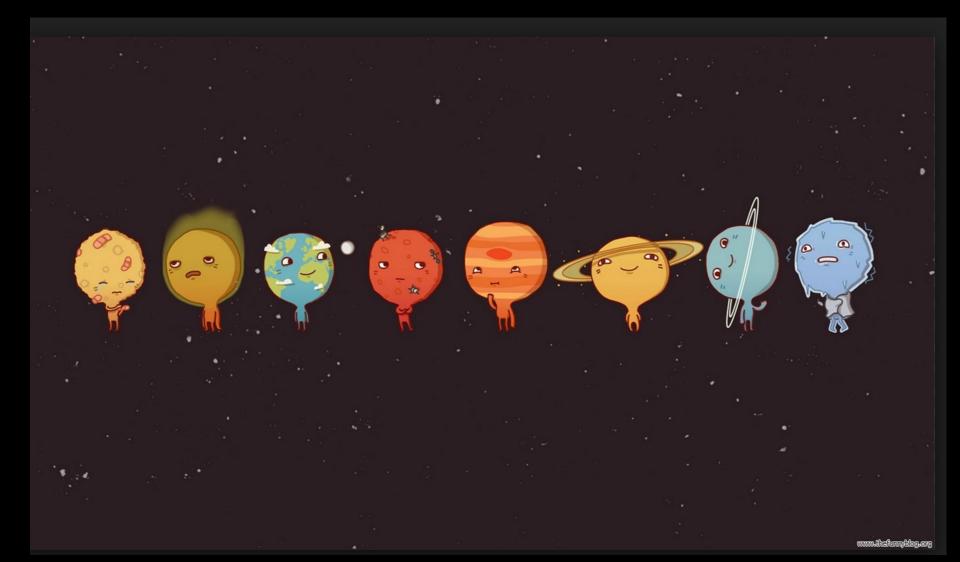


Lunar Events for April/May

- April 26th New Moon
- April 27th Moon at Perigee
- May 2nd 1st Quarter
- May 7th Moon in conjunction with Jupiter
- May 10th Full Moon
- May 25th New Moon



Solar System Update





Jupiter – Planet of the Month Opposition April 7th -- Mag -2.5

- •Diameter: 86,881 mi (11x Earth)
- •Volume: 1,300 Earths
- •Rotation: 9.925 hours
- •Orbit: 11.86 years
- •Max size 2017: 44.3"
- •April 22nd size: 44.0"







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Look who's back! Venus is now the morning star.

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Venus at greatest magnitude (-4.7) - April 29

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Mercury

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Mercury at greatest western elongation – May 17



Constellation Update

Last Chance for the Jon Wood Field

Gemini	Canis Minor
Cancer	Lynx
Camelopardalis	

High in the Sky (neck breakers):

Corvus	Coma Berenices
Crater	Bootes
Hydra	Canes Venatici
Virgo	Ursa Major

Fresh from the East:

Draco	Libra
Hercules	Serpens Caput
Corona Borealis	Cepheus



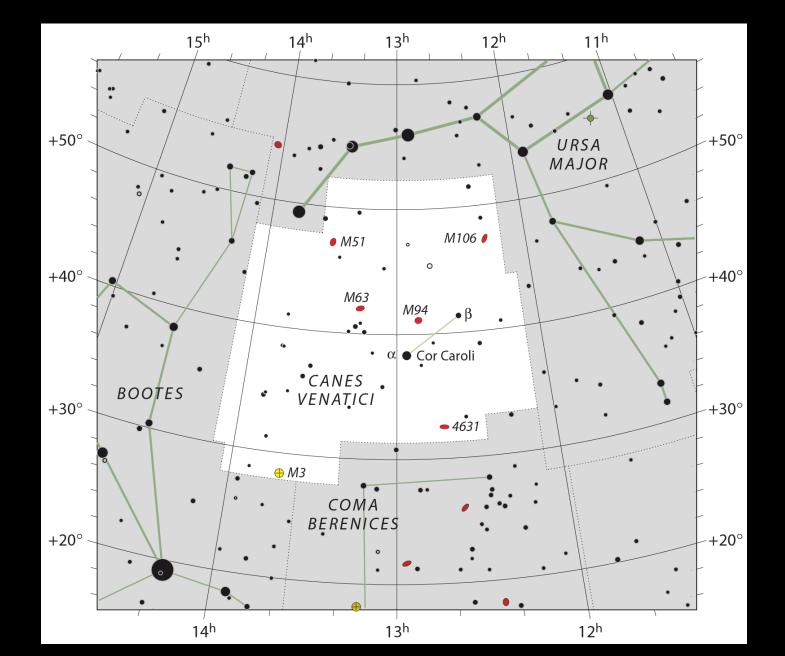




Valorie's Constellations of the Month:

- Canes Venatici
- Coma Berenices
- Sextans
- Leo, Leo Minor, Ursa Major



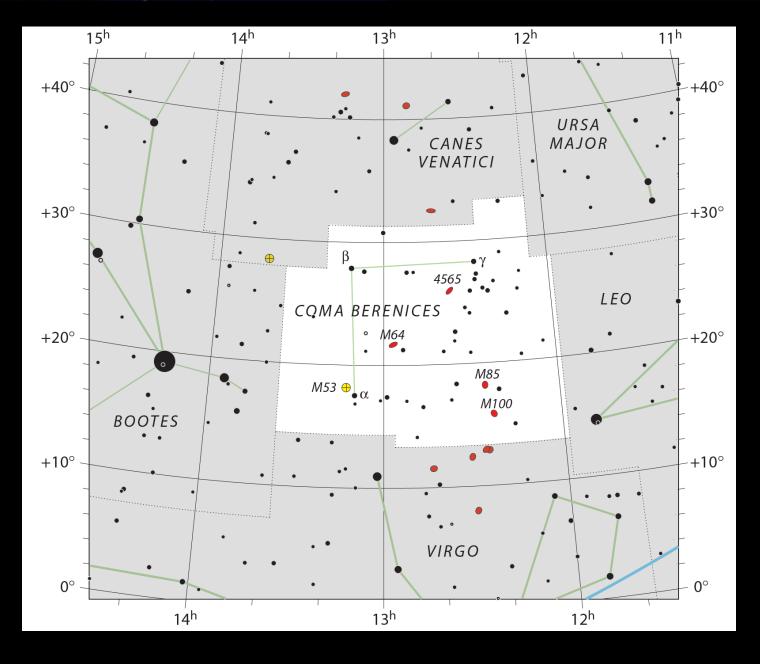




Canes Venatici

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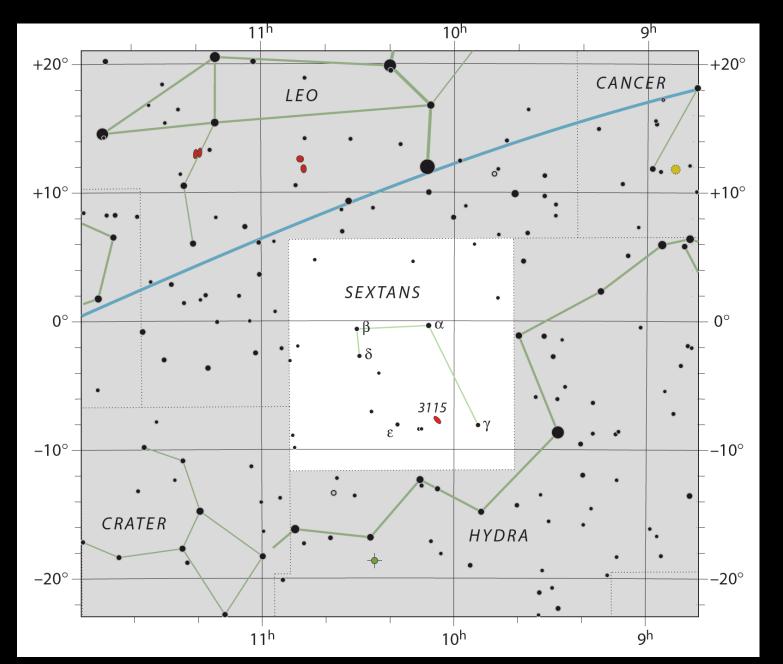
















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Alioth

Denebola



Van Macatee's AP Target of the Month: "Something with Billions"



Image: Markarian's Chain by Van Macatee



April/May Target Lists





April/May Target List: Relaxing Piece of cake

Target	Туре	Constellation	Notes	Image
Jupiter	Р	Virgo	King of Planets. Best views of 2017 are in April. Get to it!	
V Hydrae	CS	Hydra	Carbon star claiming to be the reddest star in the sky. Mag +7.0, RA 10 52 28, Dec -21 20 39	
M5	GC	Serpens	Lovely little globular cluster in Serpens Caput. Mag +6.6	
M13	GC	Hercules	M-Freakin-13!!! Need I say more? Mag +5.8	
Карра Воо	DS	Bootes	Double star in Bootes. Mag +4.6, +6.6 @ 13.4" separation.	



April/May Target List: Intriguing

Small to medium telescopes

Target	Туре	Constellation	Notes	Image
NGC 4435 - NGC 4438	GX	Virgo	"The Eyes". Pair of galaxies at the end of Markarian's Chain. Mag +10.2, +10.8	
Epsilon Boo	DS	Bootes	Very tight double star in Bootes. Mag +2.4, +4.9 @ 2.8". Good seeing required.	*
M53	GC	Coma Berenices	Globular Cluster Mag +7.7. Located next door to globular cluster NGC 5053, Mag +9.7	
M100	GX	Coma Berenices	"The Blowdryer Galaxy". Don't ask me why they call it that. It's a stupid name. Mag +9.3	6
M104	GX	Virgo	"The Sombrero Galaxy" – because you can wear it to keep the sun off your head. Mag +8.9	



April/May Target List: Taxing Light Buckets

Coma Berenices	Close pair of spiral galaxies. One	
/irgo		
	on edge. Mag +12.7 and +11.4	
/irgo	Edge-on lenticular galaxy. Mag +10.0	
/irgo	"The Siamese Twins" – Interacting galaxies in Virgo. Mag +10.9	
		irgo +10.0 "The Siamese Twins" – Interacting

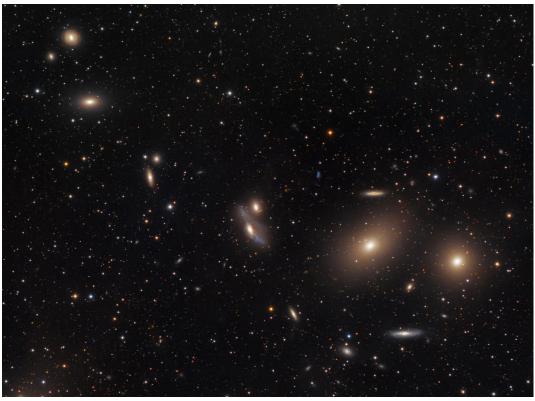


April/May Observing Challenge: Markarian's Chain

Constellation: Virgo

- Contains 8 galaxies
- All with common motion

•Mag +8.9 to +12



Contains M84, M86, NGC 4435/4438, NGC 4458, 4461, 4473, 4477



Celestial Events to Note:

- April 22nd Lyrid meteor shower peaks
- April 27th 30th AAC Zombie Party at DAV
- April 29th Venus at greatest brightness
- May 6th Eta Aquariid meteor shower peaks
- May 17th Mercury at greatest western elongation
- May 27th Next CE Astronomy meeting / Officer Elections



Clear Skies!

