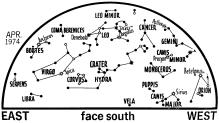
Stars

Leo high in south

CELESTIAL TIME TABLE		
April	EDT	
2	noon	Moon nearest, dis-
l		tance 228,840 miles
3	midnight	Venus farthest west
1		of sun
6	5:00 pm	Full moon
14	10:57 am	Moon in last quar-
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	6:00 pm	Moon farthest, dis-
l	ores pm	tance 251,150 miles
ł	10:00 pm	Venus passes north
		of Jupiter
18	9:00 am	Moon passes north
İ		of Jupiter
	3:00 pm	Moon passes north
	_	of Venus
20	10:00 am	Mars passes north
1		of Saturn
22 26	6:17 am	New Moon
26	11: 0 0 am	Moon passes south
i		of Saturn
	5:00 pm	Moon passes south
		of Mars
27	noon	Moon nearest, dis-
1		tance 229,490 miles
29	3:39 am	Moon in First
l		Quarter
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While the April evening skies this year show only two planets, one quite faint, eight stars are prominent. The accompanying maps show their positions, at about 11:00 p.m., local daylight saving time, on April 1; 10:00 p.m. on the 15th and 9:00 p.m. on the 30th.

High in the south is the constellation Leo with the bright star Regulus, which ranks as first-magnitude. Extending upward from it is a hookshaped group of five stars called the Sickel, which forms the eastern part of Leo.

Virgo is to the left of Leo and lower. In it you can see Spica, about equal to Regulus in brightness. Above the eastern end of Virgo stands Arcturus, nearly three times brighter. It's



in Boötes, directly east. Thus it's divided between the two sky maps.

To the right of Leo is Cancer, with no very bright stars, and to the right of that, in the west, is Gemini, with Pollux. This constellation also is divided between the two maps. It contains second-magnitude Castor.

In the lower part of Gemini stand the two planets: Saturn, slightly fainter than Arcturus, and Mars, less than a third as bright as Saturn. At a distance of 159 million miles on April 1, Mars will recede to 183 million on the 30th.

To the right of these planets is Auriga, with Capella. Below them is Taurus, where Aldebaran stands, dimmed by atmospheric absorption because it is so near the horizon. To the left of Taurus is Betelgeuse in the upper part of Orion.



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