

A major change occurs with the publication of this issue of the Abrams Planetarium *Sky Calendar*. September 2012 is the first edition in the calendar's decades-long run without Robert C. Victor at the helm. We certainly will miss Bob's skillful approach to skywatching, but after 45 years it is hard to begrudge him a well-deserved rest from the monthly grind.

The unique publication Bob leaves us began humbly in October 1967 as occasional mimeographed sheets listing noteworthy sky events directed at teachers and their students. A year later the information was put together in a calendar block format for the first time. The following year the first subscription fee was established: \$1 for the school year. The December 1972 calendar introduced diagrams in place of text descriptions. Over the years the look and presentation have continued to evolve. Others have helped with layout, typesetting, etc., but the content has remained exclusively Bob's.

We will endeavor to carry on Bob's fine work, although we don't expect to duplicate it. The term "irreplaceable" leaps to mind.

The person leading the formidable task is John French, an experienced member of the planetarium staff who, like Bob, is an avid observer and talented educator.

We ask your forbearance as we find our way over the next several issues. As always, we welcome any comments you wish to provide. And, of course, we are most grateful for the subscription support. Here's to many more years of engaging skywatching.

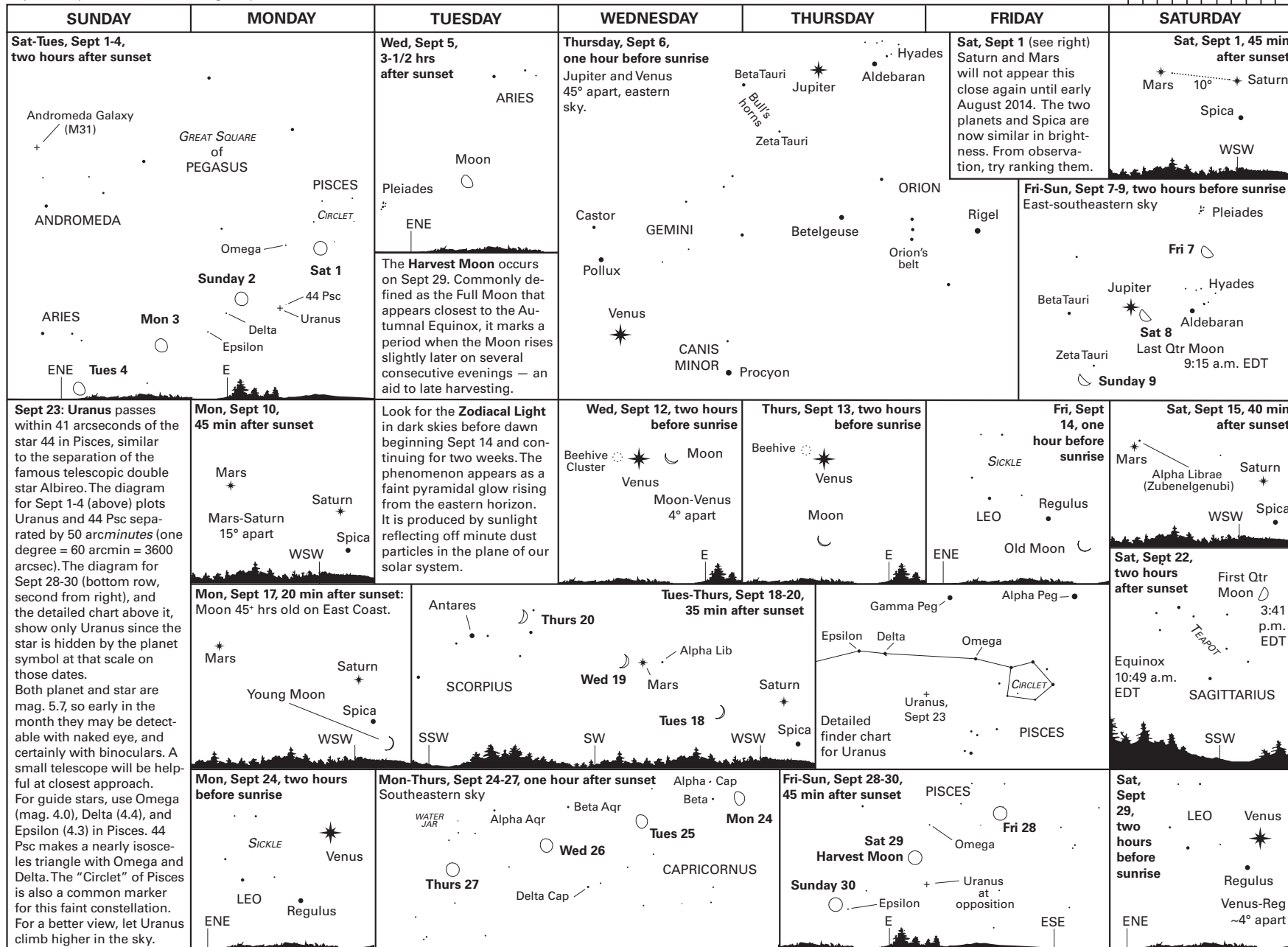
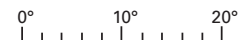
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An aid to enjoying the changing sky

Use this scale to measure angular distances between objects on diagrams below.



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