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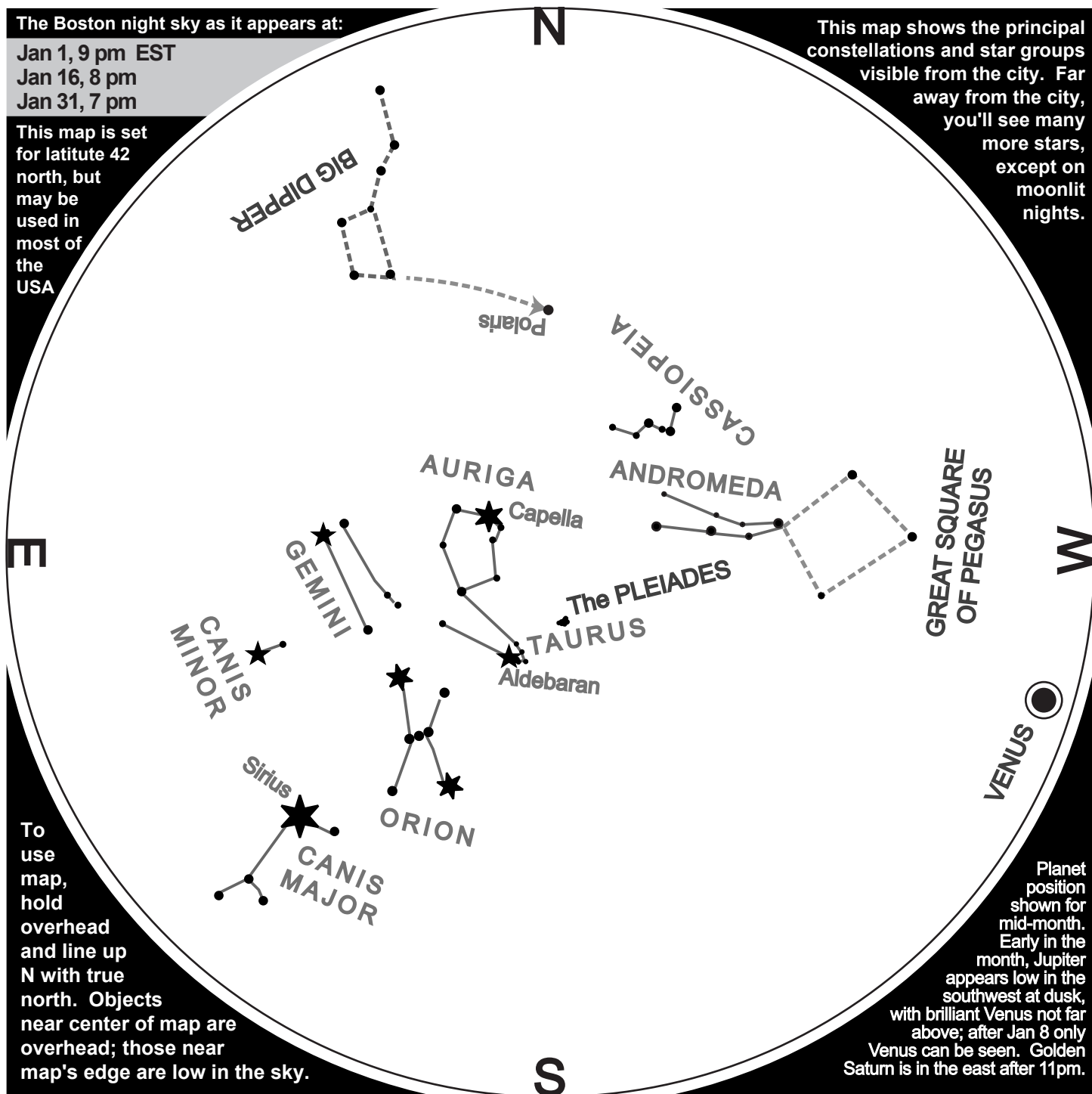
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The Boston night sky as it appears at:

Jan 1, 9 pm EST
Jan 16, 8 pm
Jan 31, 7 pm

This map is set for latitude 42 north, but may be used in most of the USA

This map shows the principal constellations and star groups visible from the city. Far away from the city, you'll see many more stars, except on moonlit nights.

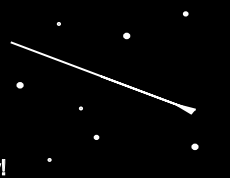


To use map, hold overhead and line up N with true north. Objects near center of map are overhead; those near map's edge are low in the sky.

Planet position shown for mid-month. Early in the month, Jupiter appears low in the southwest at dusk, with brilliant Venus not far above; after Jan 8 only Venus can be seen. Golden Saturn is in the east after 11pm.

Quadrantid meteor shower January 3-4

Look to the Northern sky for one "shooting star" every few minutes. They're brightest from a dark location and more frequent after midnight, so bundle up and don't miss the show!



JANUARY PHASES OF THE MOON



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