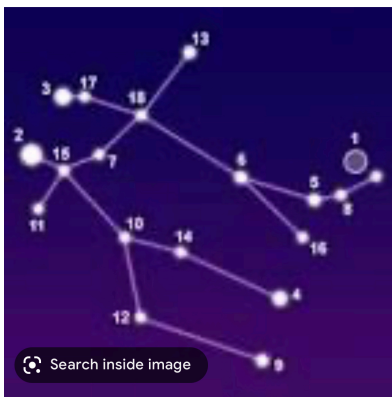


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Sailors believed that when both Castor and Pollux were visible in the night sky, their journey would be prosperous.



Gemini, the two-stick figure constellation holds the brightest stars in the sky, Castor, Pollux defining their heads

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Castor and Pollux were identical, inseparable twins. Together they accomplished amazing deeds. When Castor was killed in battle, Pollux pleaded with Zeus to bring him back. Zeus agreed to allow them to spend half their time on Earth and the other half amongst the stars in the heavens.

Dream, Dream, Dream

Look to the sky. The showy “Wolf Moon of January has passed. Our planet’s celestial position now gives us an excellent view of the constellation Gemini’s twins, Castor and Pollux, as well as Orion’s signature belt. Both are symbols of love and conflict. Sun rises, sun sets and rainbows are exceptionally beautiful given the continent-wide unseasonably cold turbulent weather of 2023.

Daytime Raptors are nesting and beginning to feed young.

In celebrating Martin Luther King’s birthday we are reminded of the need to forgo conflict; to seek “Agape” love.

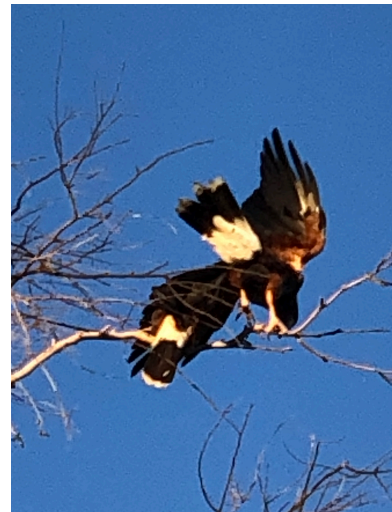


Orion, “the Hunter” Wears three bright stars diagonally decorating his belt.

Photo by Sea and Sky

The Greeks believed that Orion, the great hunter, was placed in the sky in front of the scorpion that stung him to death to remind hunters that Orion is being chased forever for not respecting the animals and the environment.

“Agape” Love means understanding, redeeming goodwill for all men an overflowing love which seeks nothing in return.



Harris’s Hawk Pair

Photo by Judy Appel

Harris’s Hawks, seemingly black in color actually have stunning color in their wings. Their white rump and white tail feathers are distinguishing features. They along with Red-tailed, Red-shouldered and Broad-winged Hawks are members of the Buteo family. Broad-winged Buteos habitually soar to great heights and hunt in pairs or families.

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