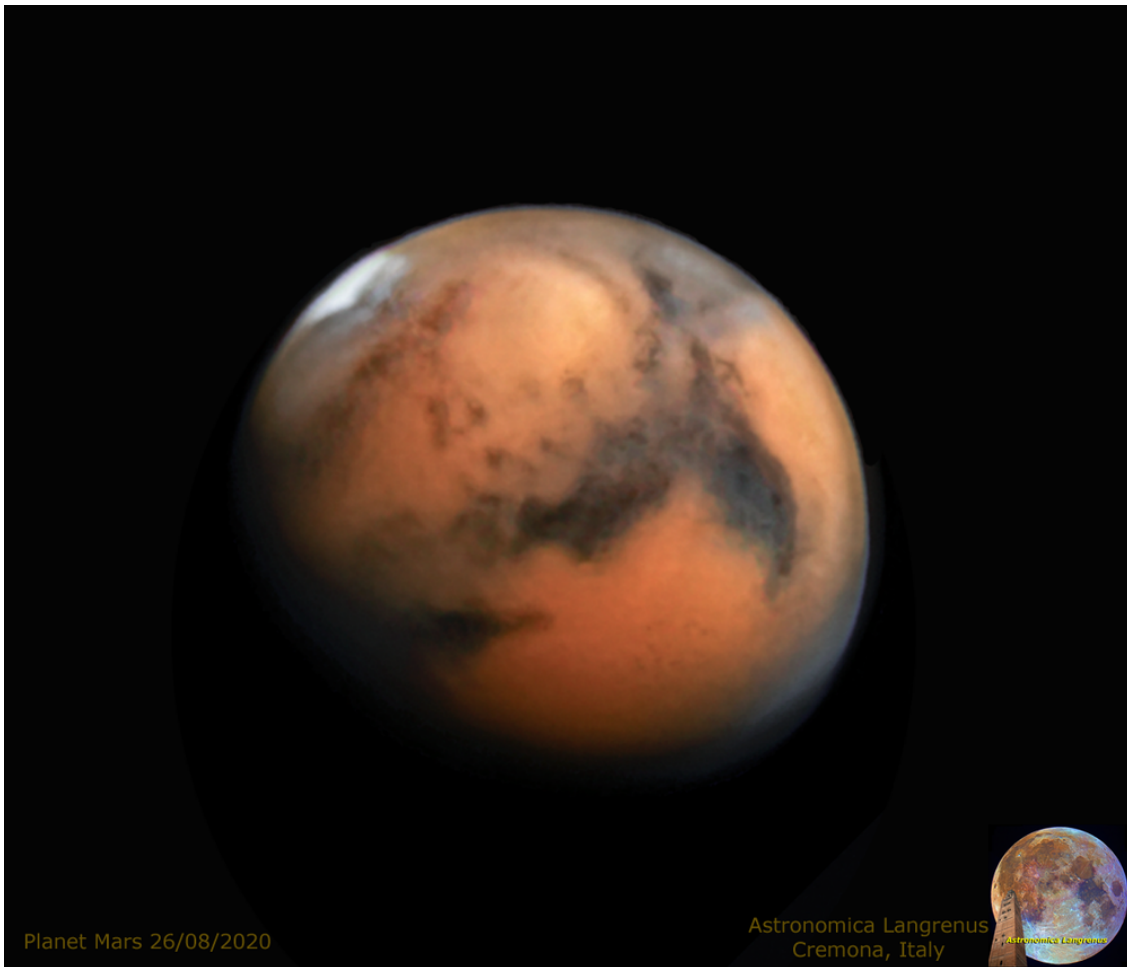


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President's Letter

Joe Khalaf

Fall is officially upon us here in Space City. As I write this article, the autumnal equinox just passed less than a week ago, and Houston is about to receive its first significant cold front, bringing our lows into the 50s. Needless to say, this is a welcome respite from the summer heat here, but the changing of the seasons has always been a little bittersweet for me.

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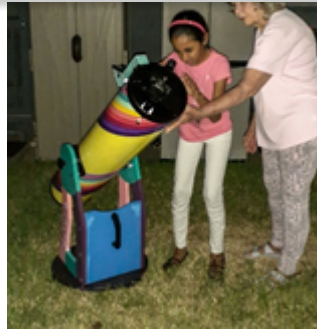
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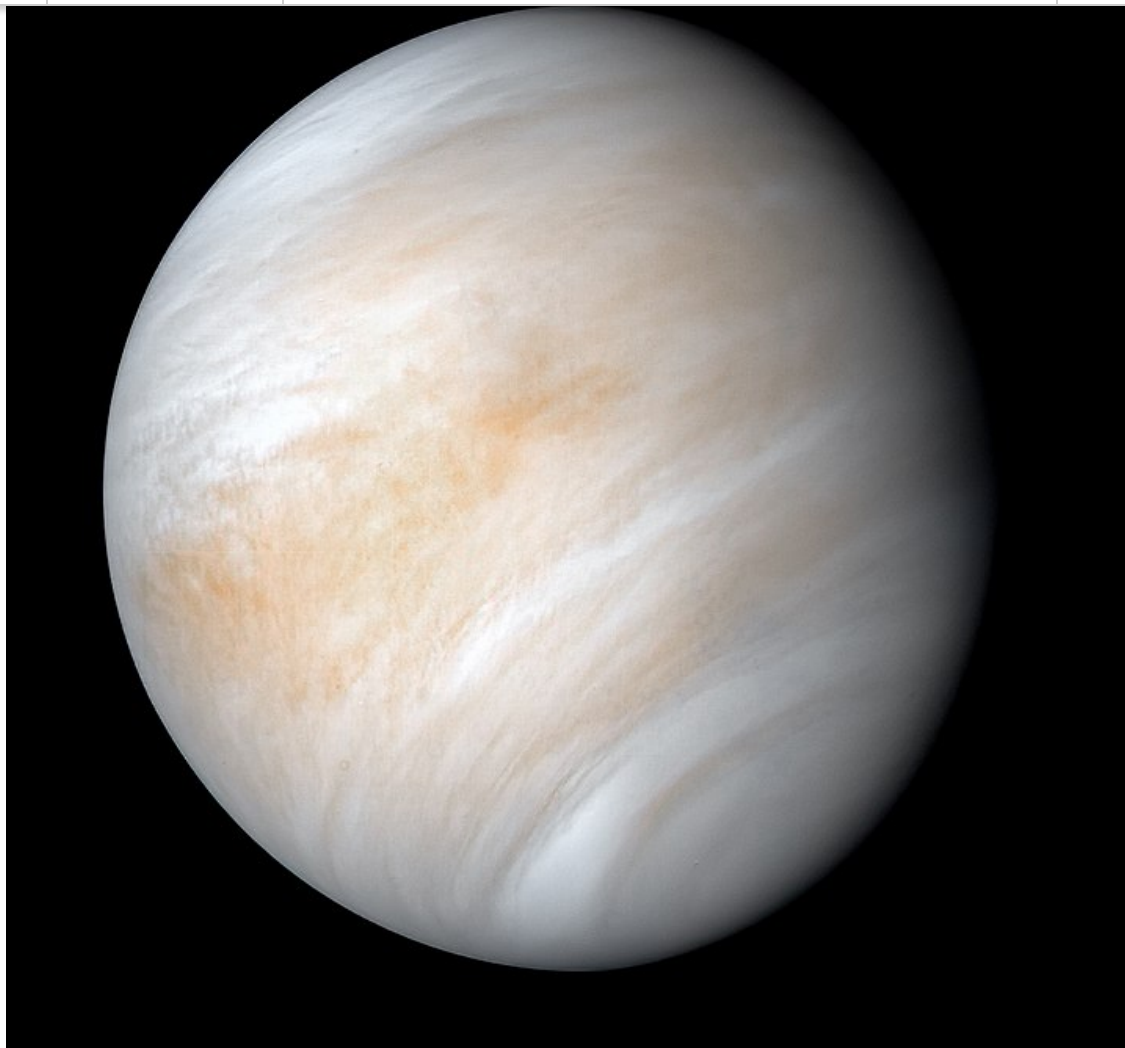
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Unique Telescopes for Kids

by Amelia Goldberg

This is an update on my project to get children actively involved in astronomy by giving them their own personal telescope, one designed by the child. I feel that if they have their own telescope, one they have helped to paint and decorate, they are more likely to use it.

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Life in the Venusian Atmosphere & Astrophotography Corner

By Don Selle – Guidestar Editor

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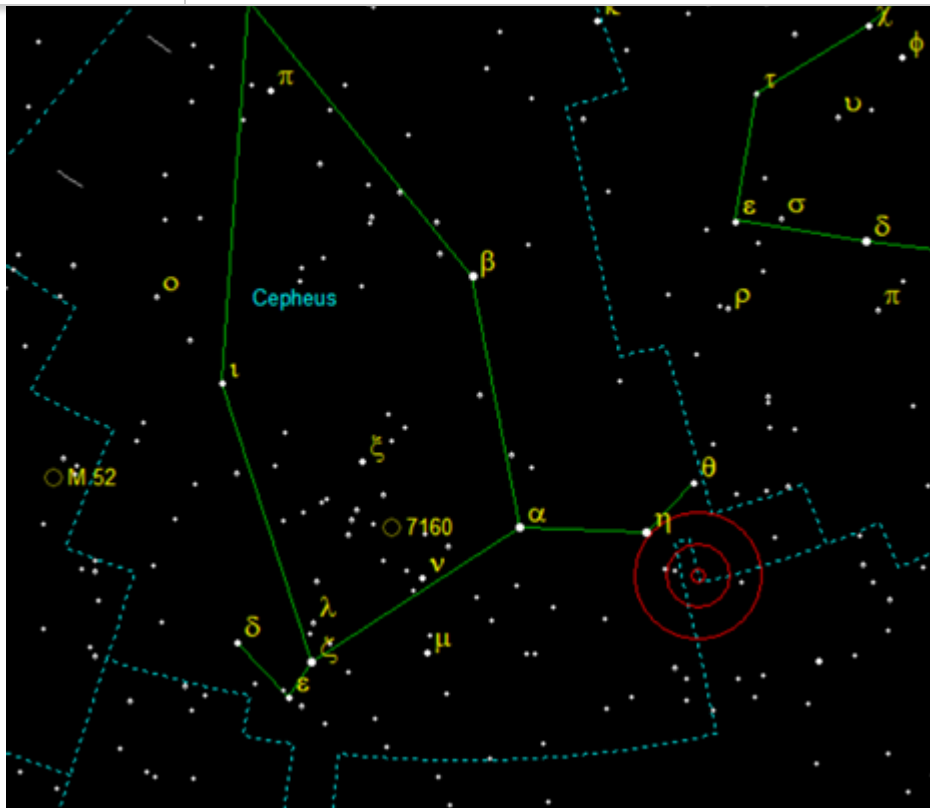


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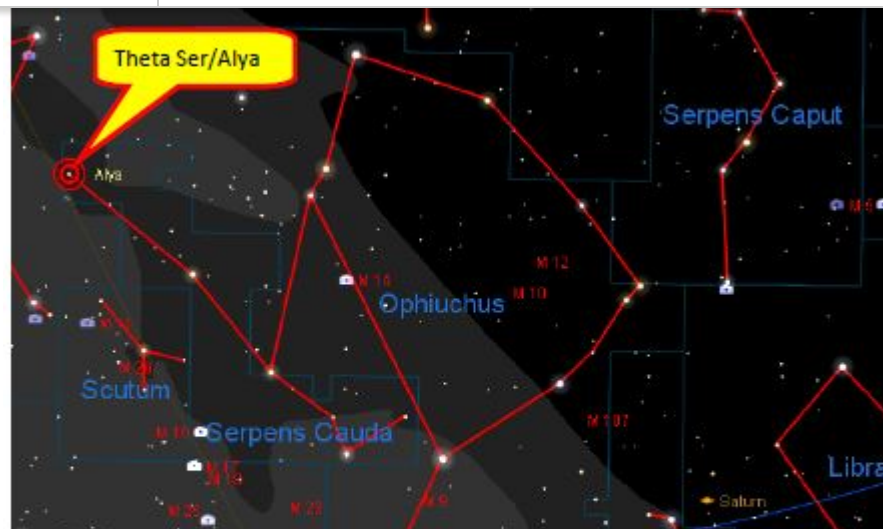
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Potential Life in Venus' Atmosphere

On Monday, September 14, planetary scientists and astrobiologists announced a stunning discovery, which if confirmed could lead to the conclusion that life exists in the atmosphere of Venus. The researchers announced that they had discovered the signature of a chemical called phosphine in Venus' upper atmosphere, and the only known way that phosphine is created is via biological processes. If proven to be true, this discovery would be the first accepted evidence of extraterrestrial life, and this would be hugely important!

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by Bill Pellerin

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