The New England night sky as it appears at:
January 1 at 9:00 p.m. EST
January 16 at 8:00 p.m.
January 31 at 7:00 p.m.

THE PLANETS: No planets are visible at chart time. Saturn and Mercury are too close to the Sun to be seen. Brilliant Venus sets in early evening. Mars rises in the predawn hours, followed by Jupiter near sunrise towards the end of the month.

Jan. 27 – 29: The Moon passes by Venus in the evening sky during twilight. Look for faint "earthshine" (sunlight reflecting off the Earth and lighting up the dark side of the Moon) on the 27th.

Look southwest, ½ hour after sunset

PHASES OF THE MOON

First quarter January 2
Full moon January 10
Last quarter January 17
New moon January 24

THE STARS: This chart shows the main star groups and constellations visible near large cities. More stars appear on moonless nights in less urban areas.