The New England night sky as it appears at:

- March 1 at 9:00 p.m. EST
- March 16 at 8:00 p.m.
- March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

THE PLANETS: Mercury is too close to the Sun to be seen. Venus dazzles in the western sky until late evening. Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn perform a dance, swapping positions in the predawn sky.

Mar. 20 – 31: Mars passes by Jupiter on the 20th, then Saturn on the 31st. You'll notice their changing positions every morning.

First quarter March 2
Full moon March 9
Last quarter March 16
New moon March 24

Look southeast, about 6:00 a.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

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.