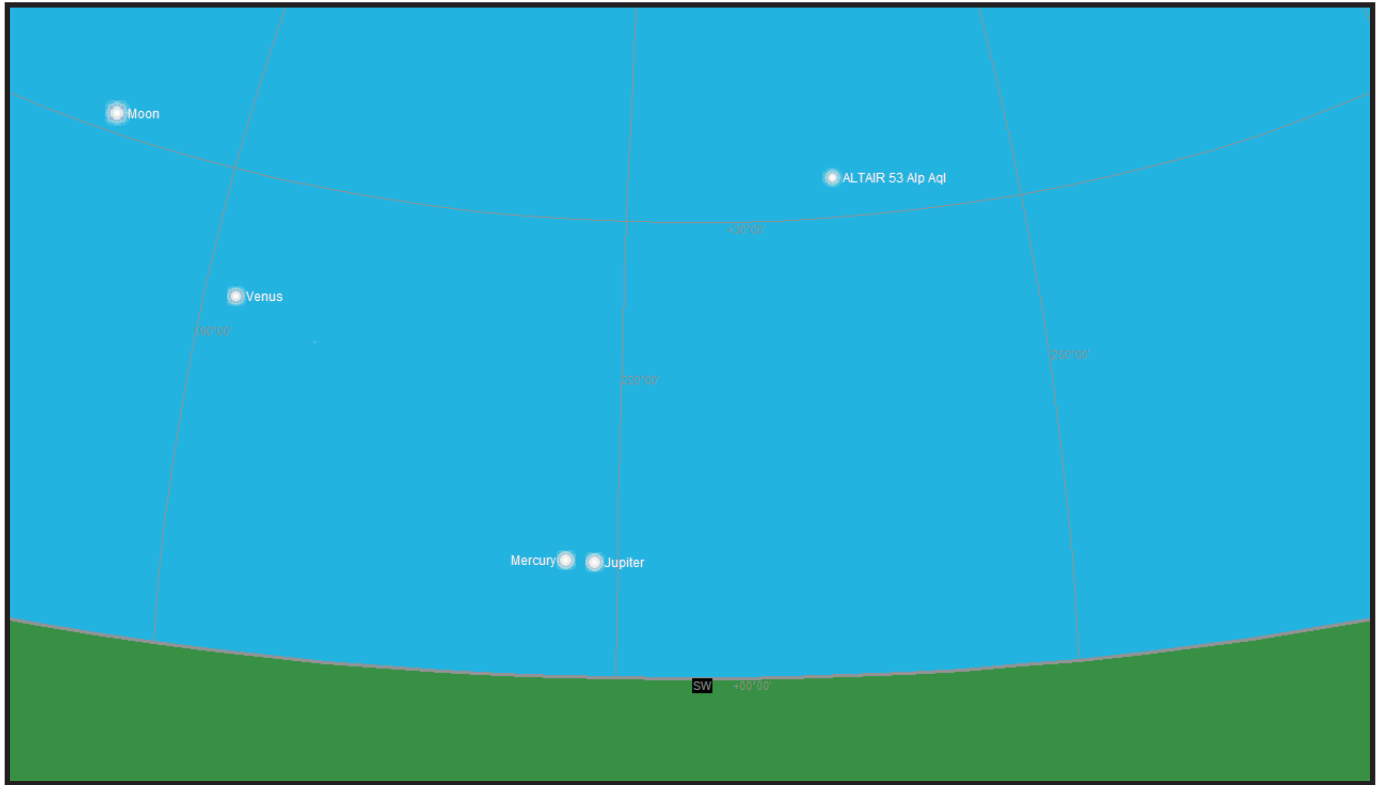




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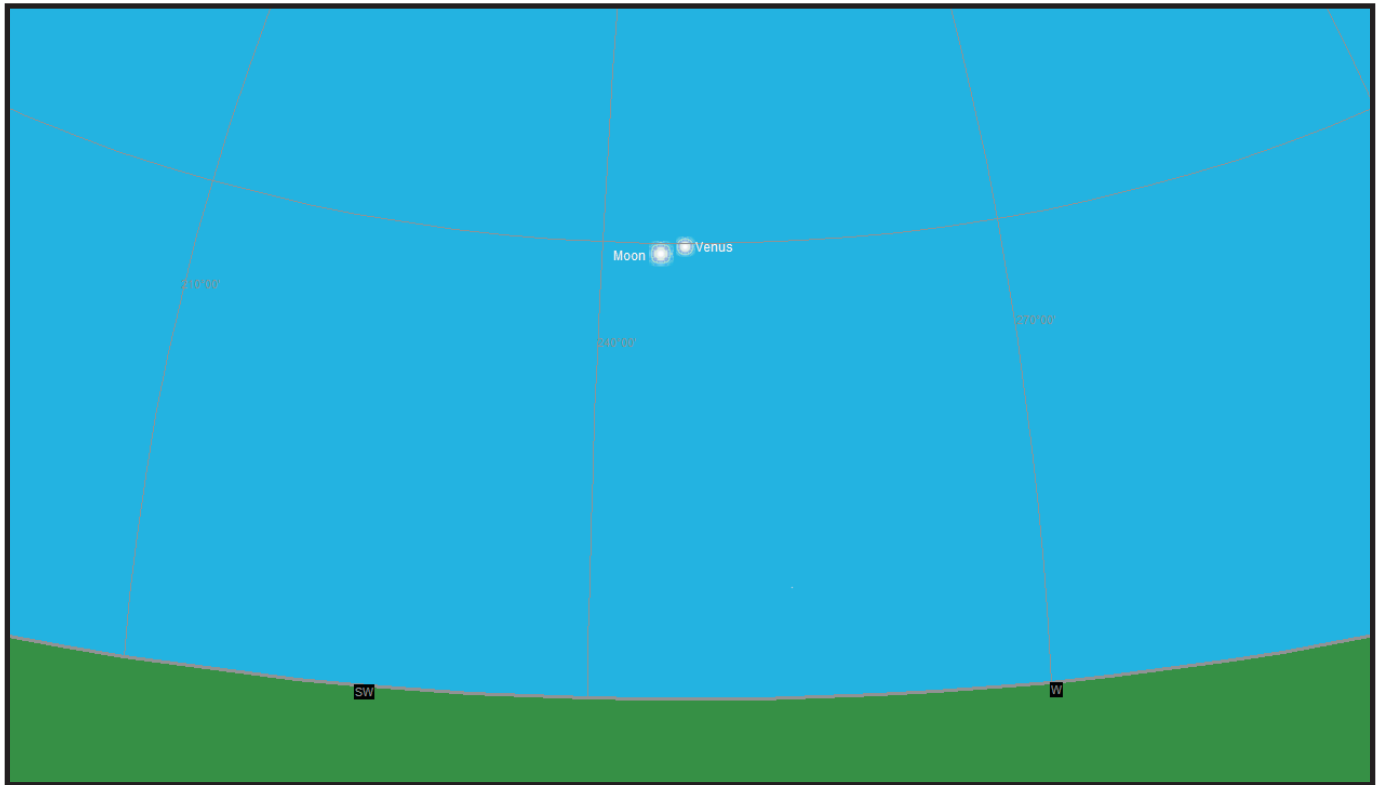
These represent only the easiest, most interesting planetary events to view. For many more celestial events to watch for see the RASC's Observer's Calendar and Observer's Handbook at [www.rasc.ca/publications](http://www.rasc.ca/publications) Purchase them online in the E-Store.



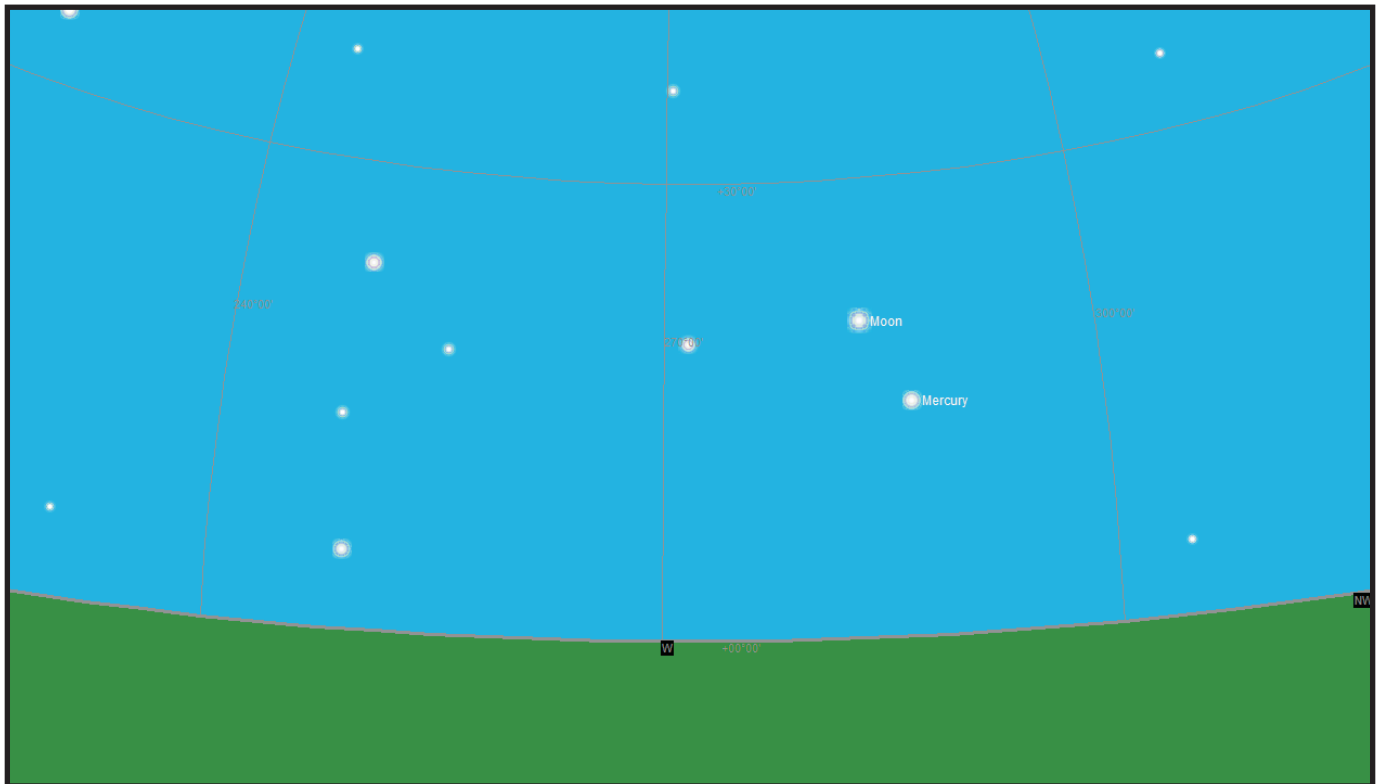
**Mercury close to Jupiter. Jan 1, 2009 at sunset. South-West**



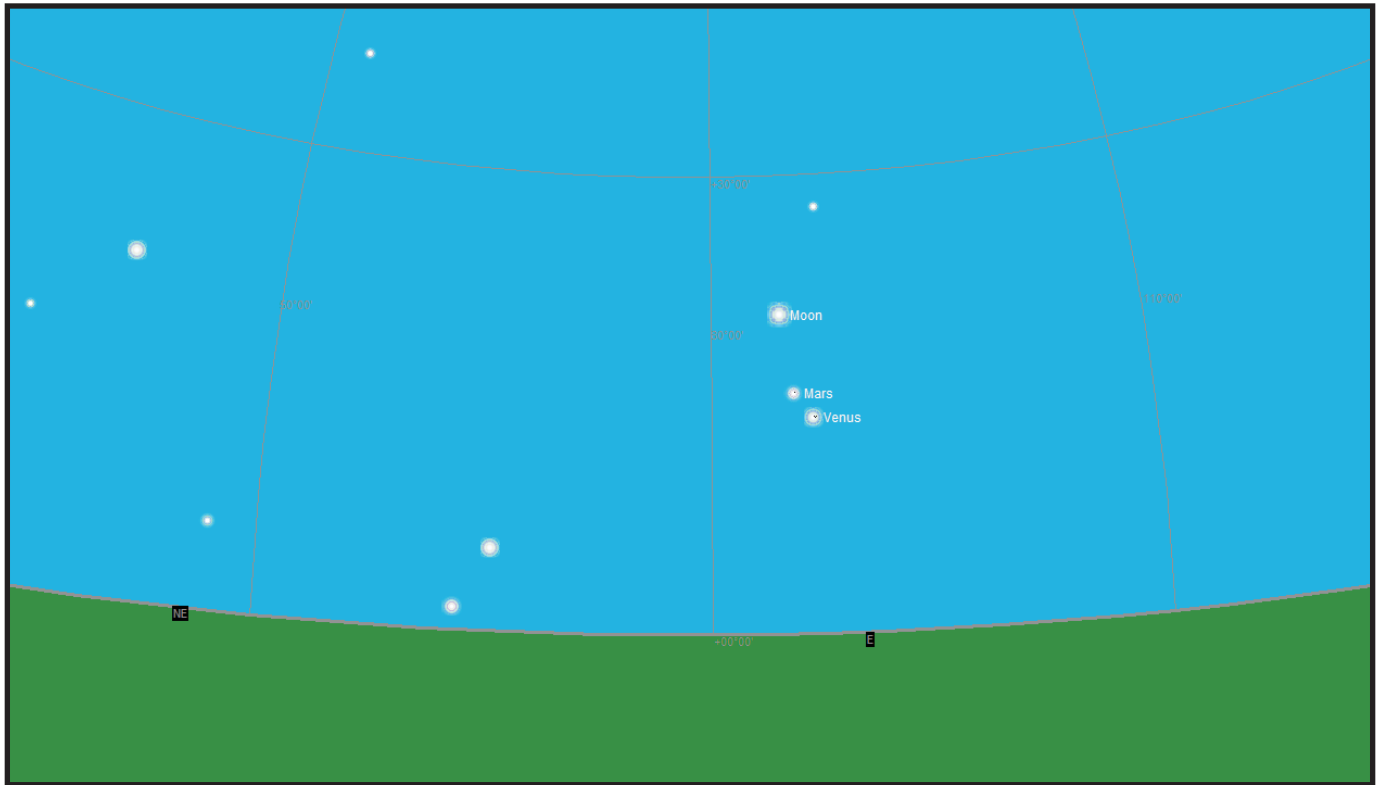
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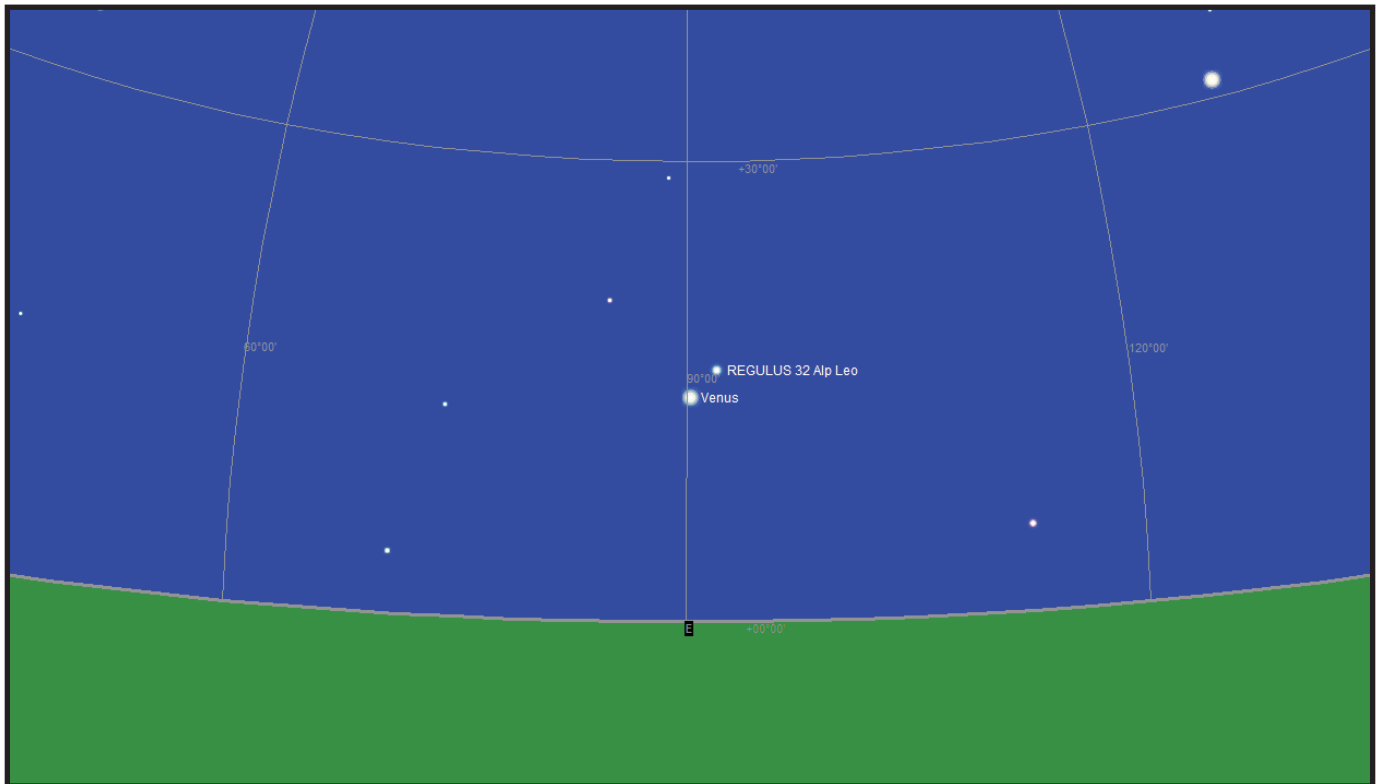
**Venus close to the Moon. Feb. 27, 2009 at sunset. South-West**



**April 26. Best view of Mercury for 2009. Look West at Sunset.**



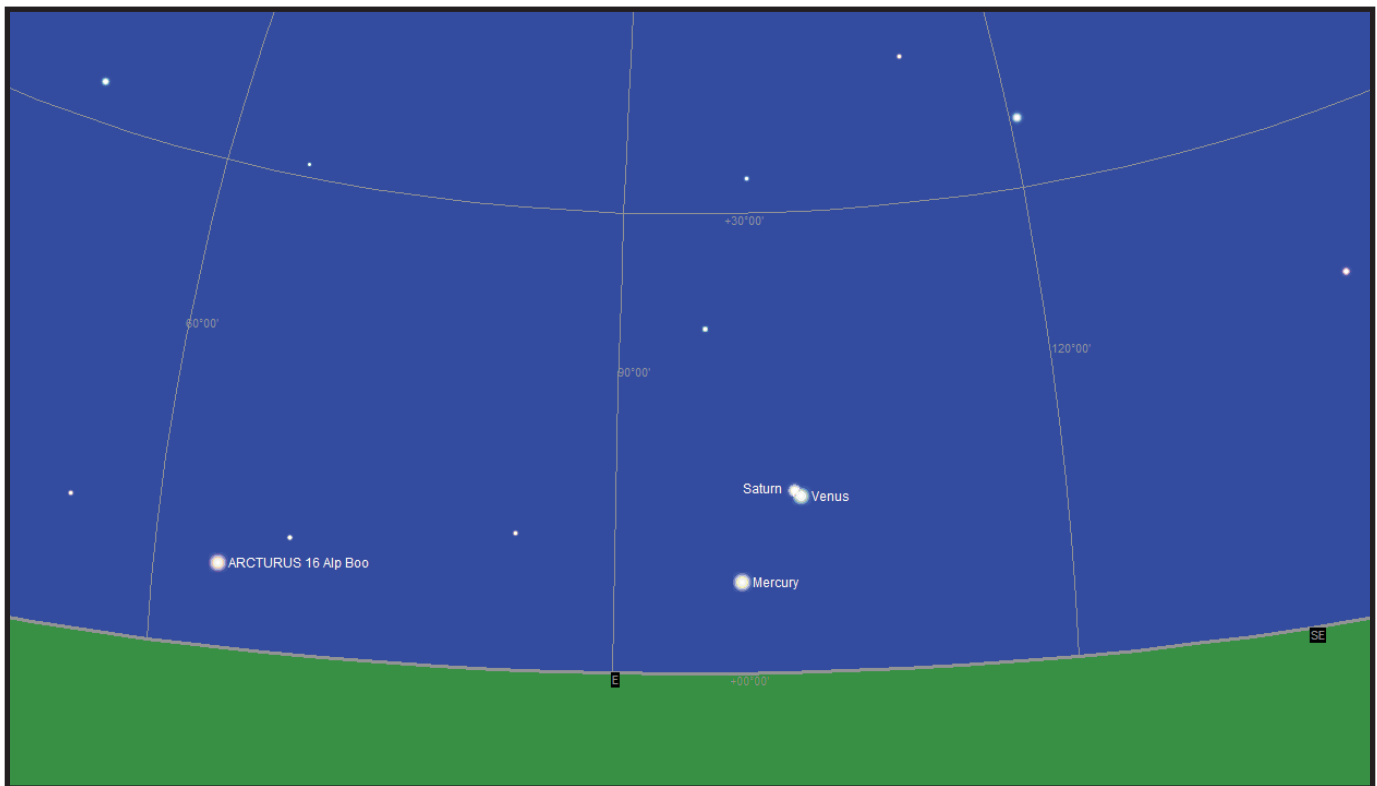
**Mars, Venus and crescent Moon close together. Mercury to lower left.  
Look east 45 minutes before sunrise on June 19th.**



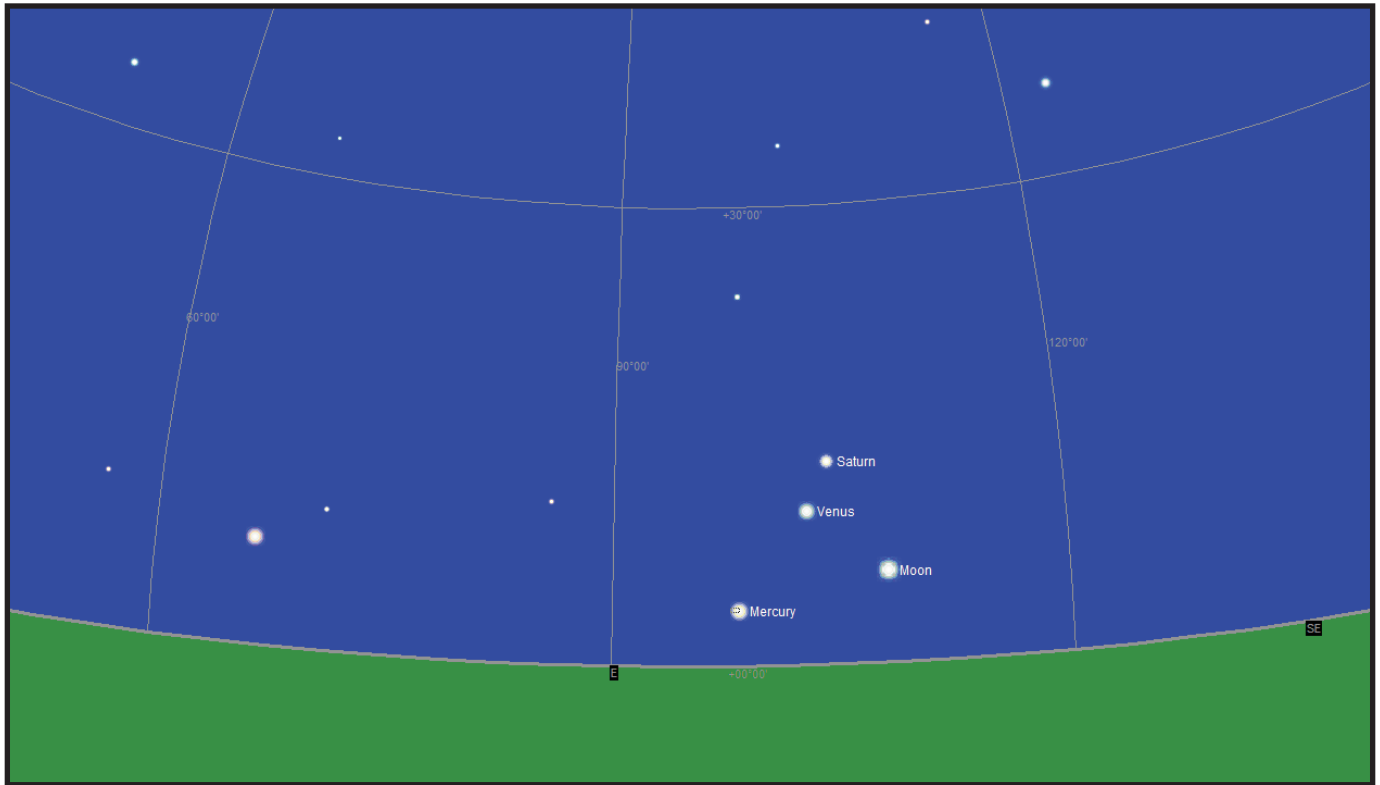
**Venus close to Regulus the brightest star in the constellation Leo.  
Sept. 22. Look east about an hour before sunrise.**



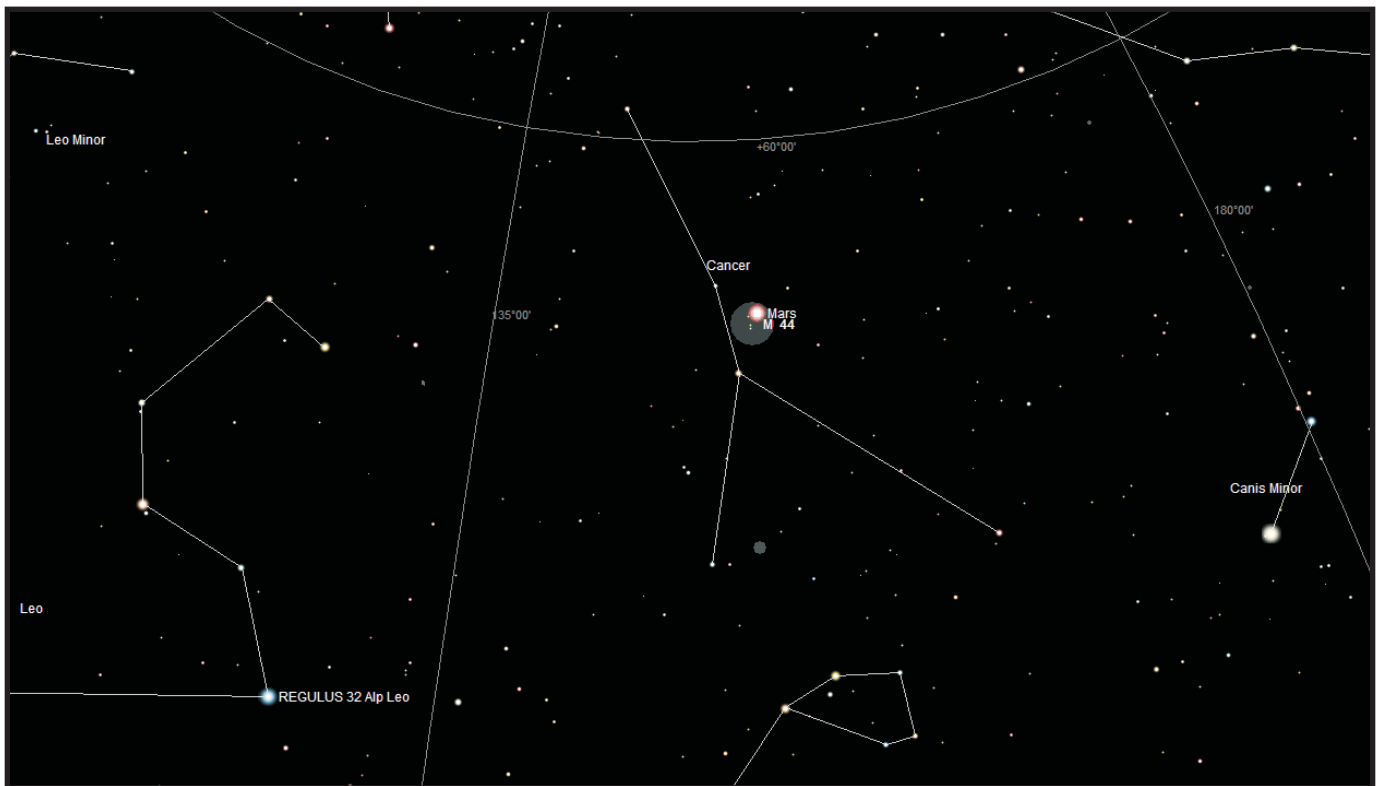
**Saturn, Mars and close together in the morning twilight.  
Look east 45 minutes before sunrise on Oct. 5th.**



**Saturn very close to Venus. Look east 45 minutes before sunrise on Oct. 13th.**



**Mercury, Moon, Venus and Saturn grouped together in the morning twilight.  
Look east 45 minutes before sunrise on Oct. 16th.**



**Oct. 31st. Mars in M44, the Beehive cluster. Use binoculars to view. Easiest to view in the early morning a few hours, around 6am, before sunrise when Mars is to the south. Also visible Nov 1st.**