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COMET ZTF (C/2022 E3) -**CLOSEST APPROACH!**

Now is your last chance to catch the comet if you still haven't! On Feb 2nd the comet makes its closest approach to Earth of 0.28 AU (~42 million km, that's closer than the Sun)!

HYADES AND PLEIADES CLUSTERS

The nearest star cluster to Earth, the Hyades will be visible high in the sky, along with the Pleiades. Up near Mars, close to the zenith at about 8pm central time.

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DARK SKY OBJECT -MGC 2808 A State of Lands

The globular cluster in the Carina nebula is visible in the Southern Hemisphere at about 43 degrees above your Southeast horizon from about 10pm to dawn.

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THE MOON, VENUS, AND JUPITER IN PISCES

Now add the thin crescent moon to the previous event (on Feb. 17th), for a truly spectacular view of some of the prettiest

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JUPITER AND VENUS IN PISCES

Facing your western horizon about an hour after sunset catch Jupiter and Venus right next to the Pisces constellation!

21 **DEEP SKY OBJECT -**NGC 3114

Another deep sky object, open star cluster, that's in the Carina nebula. Face your Southeast horizon, reaching about 42 degrees high all night. Visible in

celestial objects!

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DEEP SKY OBJECT - IC 2581

Visible to the Southern Hemisphere all night, reaching about 40 degrees about your Southeast horizon.

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THE MOON, MARS, AND TAURUS

In case you missed this trio last month, you have another chance to catch the Moon passing through the Taurus constellation and past Mars. Face south, about an hour after sunset.



THE MOON PHASES





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