STGZ250 02/06 — 02/12 SEE VENUS, THE EVENING STAR

VENUS, VENUS BURNING BRIGHT, FIRST STAR I SEE TONIGHT – HI STAR FRIENDS, TRACE HERE –

VENUS WILL BE THE FIRST LIGHT YOU SEE IN THE WEST THIS WEEK AS THE SUN SETS; LEMME SHOW YOU!

WE'RE LOOKING WEST AT SUNSET. AS THE SKY DARKENS THE FIRST LIGHT YOU'LL SEE IS THE PLANET VENUS! IT IS *BY FAR* THE BRIGHTEST PLANET IN OUR EVENING SKY, BUT NOT THE *ONLY* ONE. BEFORE IT GETS DARK ENOUGH TO SEE ANY STARS ANOTHER PLANET WILL APPEAR ABOUT TWO FISTS UP AND TO THE LEFT OF VENUS THAT'S JUPITER!

BUUUUUT IF YOU WAIT UNTIL THE SUN IS ALL THE WAY DOWN AND FACE SOUTHEAST, RED MARS WILL BE HIGH IN THE SKY ALL THIS WEEK TOO!

VENUS IS NEARLY THE SAME SIZE AS EARTH, BUT HAS A TOXIC SULFURIC ACID ATMOSPHERE AND A RUNAWAY GREENHOUSE EFFECT MEANING THE SURFACE IS A DESOLATE HELLSCAPE, BUT HEY – AT LEAST IT LOOKS PRETTY FROM HERE!

KEEP LOOKING UP!