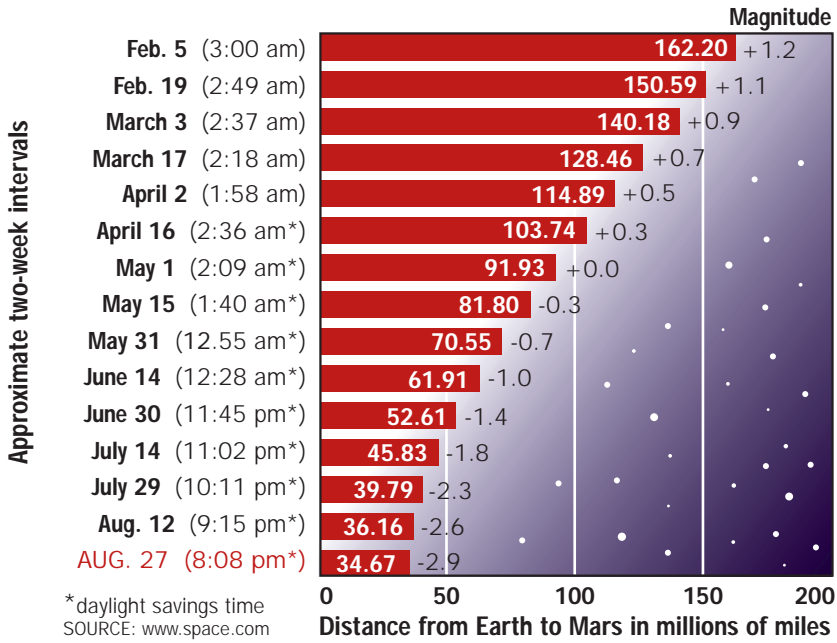
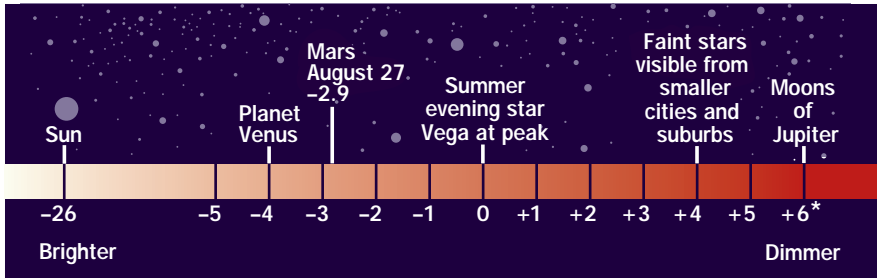


# Mars' distance from Earth

On Aug. 27, the red planet will be the closest in 73,000 years



**Magnitude:** The standard by which astronomers measure the apparent brightness of objects that appear in the sky. The lower the number, the brighter the object.



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