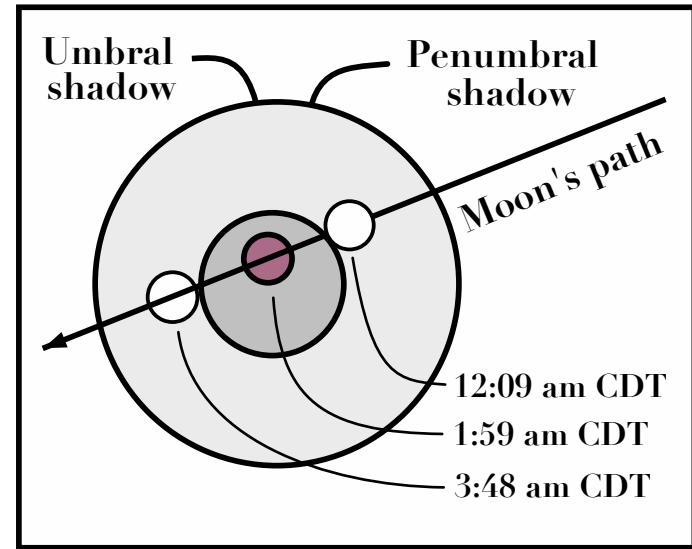
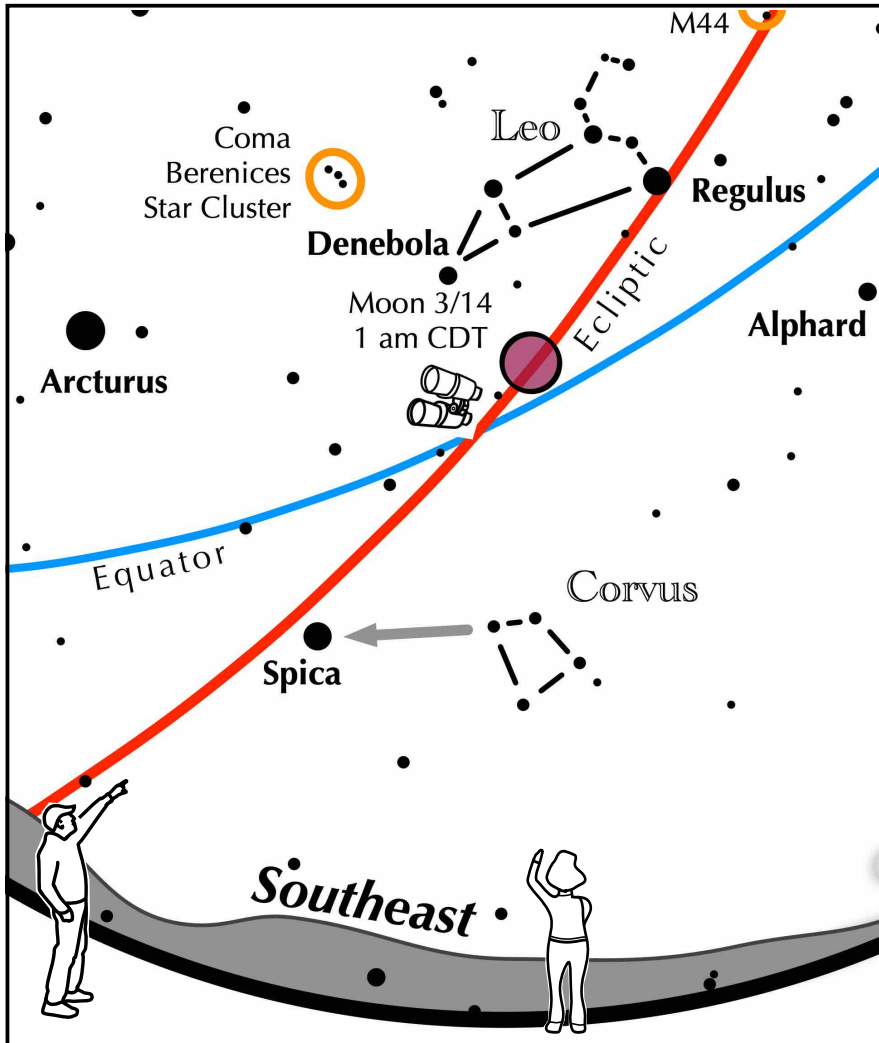


If you can observe only one celestial event in the evening this March, see this one.



## The Moon slides through a total eclipse

In the hours just after midnight on March 14, the brilliant full moon slides into Earth's shadow.

- Even though the partial umbral eclipse begins at 12:09 am CDT, darkening might not be noticed for another 5 minutes.
- When totality is reached, the full moon's brilliance is gone, allowing the stars to appear. Can you see that the moon lies mid-way between Regulus to the upper right and Spica to the lower left?
- At mid eclipse, what color is the moon? How red is it?
- During the partial phases, can you notice that the shadow's edge is not straight, but curved?



View to the southeast  
on March 14  
at 1 am CDT

