

In article <C5Kys1.C6r@panix.com> dannyb@panix.com (Daniel Burstein) writes:

>A short story in the newspaper a few days ago made some sort of mention  
>about how the Japanese, using what sounded like a gravity assist, had just  
>managed to crash (or crash-land) a package on the moon.

The Japanese spacecraft, Hiten, crashed on the Moon last weekend. For the  
past three years it has made several lunar flybys and even did some  
aerobraking experiments with Earth's atmosphere. It was placed in lunar  
orbit in February 1992, and I guess it finally ran out of fuel and was  
unable to maintain its orbit around the Moon.

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