

In article <1993Apr6.061329.25582@den.mmc.com>, seale@possum.den.mmc.com (Eric H Seale) writes...

>baalke@kelvin.jpl.nasa.gov (Ron Baalke) writes:

>>According the IAU Circular #5744, Comet Shoemaker-Levy 1993e, may be

>>temporarily in orbit around Jupiter. The comet had apparently made a

>>close flyby of Jupiter sometime in 1992 resulting in the breakup of the

>>comet.

>Ooooh -- who would have thought that Galileo would get the chance to

>check out a comet TOO?!?

Comet Gehrels 3, which was discovered in 1977, was determined to have been in a temporary Jovian orbit from 1970 to 1973. Comet Shoemaker-Levy 1993e may remain in orbit around Jupiter long enough to allow Galileo to make some closeup observations. The orbital trajectory for Comet Shoemaker-Levy is still being determined.

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| instead.