

Giotto's final mission

Six years after losing half its instruments in a spectacular trip through the tail of Halley's comet, Europe's battered space probe, Giotto, is limping towards a final rendezvous with the comet Grigg-Skjellerup

1990: Wake-up call sent from transmitter in Madrid.
As Giotto passed within 22,000 km of Earth, sling-shot effect increased its speed to catch up with Grigg-Skjellerup

1986: Giotto put into hibernation 100 million km from Earth

