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List members,

The newly found earth companion is in need of a name. Something with more panache than 3753. So if you can think of something, or if you want to just check out the asteroids website, the following article should be of use.

D. Williamson

SOURCE: Globe and Mail
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Asteroid 3753 has an intricate orbit, a unique relationship with Earth and its own Internet site. But what our newly discovered companion really needs is a decent name. Paul Wiegert, co-discoverer of the asteroid's complex "horseshoe" orbit, says suggestions for a less prosaic name have been pouring in since he and fellow astronomers Kim Innanen and Seppo Mikkola announced their discovery. They range from the mundane to the more, well, far out. We've gotten Fido, Rover, Yo-Yo," Mr. Wiegert said, poring over dozens of E-mail suggestions. "Here's a good one: Curly, after the Stooge." Astronomers have catalogued almost 6,000 asteroids spinning around the solar system, and an international commission has named about half. That means most of the cool names - Pegasus, Hephaestus, Vulcan - are taken. "My personal favourite was Lilliput, from Gulliver's Travels," said Mr. Wiegert, of Toronto's York University. "But it turns out that's taken, too." Suggestions can be submitted at

<www.asteroid.yorku.calcompanion>

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