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2002 JF$_{56}$

L. Barrera, Universidad Metropolitana de Ciencias y Educacion, Santiago; and C. Tubiana, R. Duffard, and H. Boehnhardt, Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research, Katlenburg-Lindau, write that minor planet 2002 JF$_{56}$ was observed with the FORS2 instrument at the European Southern Observatory's 8.2-m Very Large Telescope telescope 'Antu' on four nights between May 25 and June 2. Preliminary analysis of the visible spectra indicate an S-type taxonomy for the object, which is being viewed during a distant fly-by of the 'New Horizons' spacecraft on June 13.

COMETS C/2006 J9, C/2006 J10, C/2006 J11 (SOHO)

Three additional Kreutz sungrazing comets have been found on SOHO website images (cf. *IAUC* 8720). C/2006 J9, which was also found by T. Chen, was stellar and reached mag 7.3 on May 10.579 UT at $5.9R_\odot$. C/2006 J10 was small and diffuse, reaching mag 7.8 on May 11.204 at $6.0R_\odot$. C/2006 J11 was small, diffuse, and too faint for photometry.

Comet	2006 UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Inst.	F	*MPEC*
C/2006 J9	May 10.564	$3^h13^m.6$	$+16^\circ20'$	C2	HS	2006-L32
C/2006 J10	11.204	3 15.3	+16 22	C2	TH	2006-L32
C/2006 J11	11.746	3 18.1	+16 34	C2	JS	2006-L32

COMET 176P/LINEAR = (118401) LINEAR

The Committee on Small Bodies Nomenclature has agreed to name the comet 1999 RE$_{70}$ (cf. *IAUC* 8704), which has been assigned also the permanent comet number 176P (*MPC* 56919), with the same name as the minor planet (118401): LINEAR, for the 'Lincoln Laboratory Near-Earth Asteroid Research' survey that discovered the object (cf. *MPC* 56963).

SUPERNOVA 2006da

Further to *IAUC* 8622, R. Quimby reports the discovery of an apparent supernova in unfiltered CCD images taken on June 12.41 (at mag $\sim$ 16.6), and 13.41 UT (mag $\sim$ 16.8) using the 0.45-m ROTSE-IIIb telescope. SN 2006da is located at $\alpha = 23^h27^m48^s.57$, $\delta = +14^\circ28'27''.0$ (equinox 2000.0), which is $1''.5$ west and $4''.2$ south of the center of the apparent host galaxy. Nothing was visible at this location in a co-addition of images taken between 2005 July 15 and 2005 Sept. 12 (limiting mag $\sim$ 18.8).

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