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*2002 JF<sub>56</sub>*

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<sub>56</sub> 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	$\alpha_{2000}$	$\delta_{2000}$	Inst.	F	MPEC
C/2006 J9	May 10.564	3 <sup>h</sup> 13. <sup>m</sup> 6	+16° 20'	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<sub>70</sub> (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  $\alpha = 23^{\text{h}}27^{\text{m}}48^{\text{s}}.57$ ,  $\delta = +14^{\circ}28'27''.0$  (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).