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New elements have been published by Marsden on IAUC 3731 linking 50 observations during the period 1969-1982 as a result of which the following revised ephemeris and new total magnitude data are now available:

Oct.	28	5 ^h 38 ^m .47	+22° 52' 14"					
Nov.	7	6 05.96	+26 10.8	Earth	0.415	Sun	1.308	m1 9.8
	17	6 30.16	+29 30.8					
	27	6 49.39	+32 42.3		0.391		1.318	9.8
Dec.	7	7 02.51	+35 33.6					
	17	7 09.26	+37 51.1		0.413		1.370	10.1
	27	7 10.90	+39 22.6					

NOVA SAGITTARII 1982

Details of Honda's discovery at RA 18h 31m.7 -26°27' (1950) made on Oct. 4 at mag 9.0v appeared on OB18 in view of difficult location requiring small telescopes. J.-C. Merlin, Le Creusot, France, telephones advice that he has seen the nova on Oct. 13 at 19h40mUT. Using 15cm reflector x25 he recorded the visual magnitude at 8.9. The nova was also recorded by M. Verdenet.

AAVSO Alert No 46 indicates that Mack and Cousins had V=8.72 on Oct. 10.77.

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