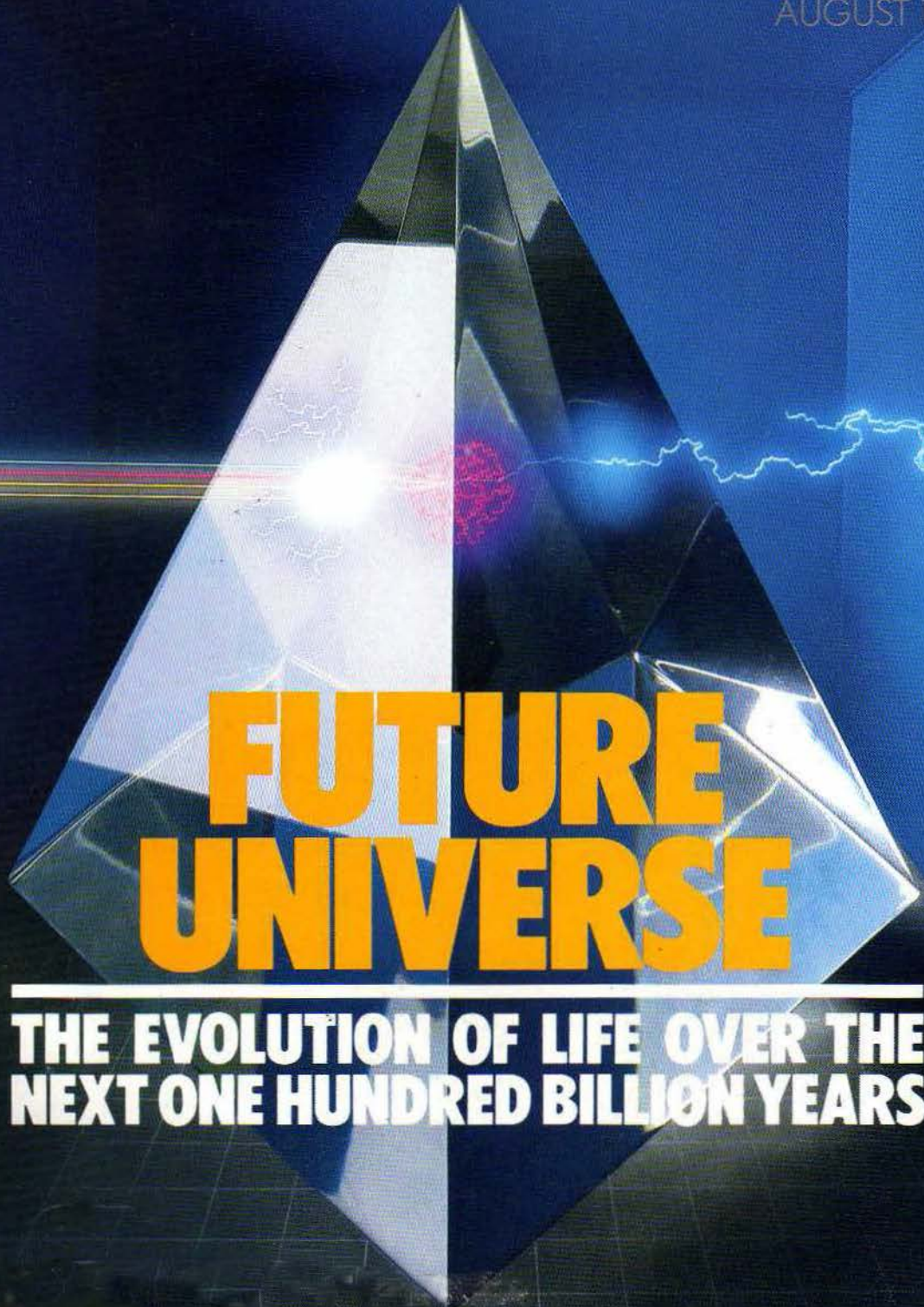


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convinced
that UFOs and aliens are real. •

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Back in 1975 singer Phoebe Snow (right) and a few friends became entranced with a Ouija board. One day they even tape-recorded a session. When they played the tape back, Snow now explains, they were shocked to hear the voices of Laactiped and Uresl, two alien beings from an intergalactic civilization with stations in the inner earth and the Bermuda Triangle.

"I was thrilled to see the cosmic fireworks," says Snow. "But after a while it got scary."

Indeed, according to Snow, the aliens eventually began calling in "tiny, screaming voices" on the tele-



phone. After five months of communication Snow and her friends grew so terrified that they contacted ace ufologist J. Allen Hynek. Then they burned the Ouija board.

Phoebe Snow, it turns out, is just one of many celebrities reporting possible visitations from the stars. John Lennon, for instance, stood on the roof of his Manhattan apartment late one night in the mid-Seventies and watched a glowing object move through the sky. "It definitely wasn't an airplane," Lennon told longtime friend Elliot Mintz. "It was a UFO." And boxer Muhammad Ali has reported "strange, bright lights that take off across the sky and disappear."

While Lennon and Ali reported classic UFOs—mysterious lights in the night sky—still other celebrities have had sightings in broad daylight. Vocalist Sheila MacRae watched "two dark brown things, as big as dirigibles," soar through the sky over Las Vegas in the early Sixties. Her daughter Meredith MacRae once walked outside the family's California home and looked up to see "four yellow-white, oval-

shaped craft flying in formation overhead." And actor Ray Walston was lounging by his pool one sunny afternoon during a break in filming the television series *My Favorite Martian* when he was startled by "an aluminumlike sphere about three times the size of a beach ball." It appeared suddenly, according to Walston, hung around for about ten minutes, then just as suddenly left.

Almost without exception the stars interviewed by *Omni* described craft with the ability to hover and take off at lightning speed, thus defying the standard explanations of weather balloons, reflections, experimental aircraft, or astronomical debris. As actor Orson Bean, who saw a UFO over Patchogue, Long Island, in 1968, says, "It couldn't have been anything else." And Sheila MacRae agrees. "In this vast universe, with all we're still discovering," she says, "I don't think we're the only intelligent creatures around."

But skeptics remain. Ali, as a Moslem, doesn't believe in aliens, although he admits that "if something did land and some little green men got out, I might be a little frightened." And Walston, who portrayed a Martian for years, thinks the whole notion of searching for extraterrestrials is a waste. "With all the stories going around," he says, "something certainly would have materialized by now."

But even he wouldn't mind boarding an alien ship. "I would want to be taken to wherever they came from and be made into a thirty-year-old with my choice of height and weight, in the greatest of health, never to deteriorate," he says. "Then I'd want to come back to Earth."—A.J.S. RAYL

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