

Dear Abby



Advice for
Inquiring
Minds

DEAR ABBY: Ever since all these news stories started appearing about aliens, I've been thinking about getting alien abduction insurance. Do you think the policy premiums are going to spike now or go down because more Americans are signing up? Do you think I can hold off until the alien invasion is imminent? I'd rather not purchase the policy unless I'm 100 percent sure I'm going to need it.

—PRUDENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PRUDENT: Please Google "why are insurance policies important" and then pray that Sigourney Weaver starts channeling her inner Ellen Ripley STAT.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of eight months wants to take me to a fancy restaurant for my 40th birthday. I was expecting him to surprise me with a trip to Wine Country to celebrate—not drive me to Magnificent Mile. How do I tell him what I want without hurting his feelings or sounding like a whiny, high-maintenance woman?

—WHINE & WINE IN CHICAGO

DEAR WHINE & WINE: You're turning 40. You should be celebrating in Wine Country. Tell him what you really want, and if he doesn't grab his phone and start booking, dump him. Life is too short to waste on cheap men—and cheap wine.

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Letters to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

What a debacle 2020 has been, and summer isn't even over yet.

After a strange crop circle was discovered at my ranch in Alexander Valley, I knew that life in Wine Country may never be the same. The idea that there is life on another planet—a lifetime so intelligent that it has a taste for silky cabernet sauvignon—is a revelation that no one expected to face at the dawn of this decade.

This bizarre event has been a ripple in the lake of American life. There are people all over the country coming forward, telling lurid stories about their close encounters with beings from outer space. We have received so many emails, phone calls and visit requests at the winery, I had to hire a full-time Paranormal Concierge. We have decided to embrace this new area of hospitality.

Jordan didn't choose aliens. Aliens chose us. The bizarre events of 2020 compel us to embrace the possibility of life beyond Earth. The United States Space Force was founded. Crop circles formed in Healdsburg. A sommelier was abducted from a restaurant. SpaceX successfully launched. Cows are mysteriously missing, tourists are scared of disappearing and bottles of wine are being used on Mars to attract other forms of life.

I don't know what's next: the alien invasion, the plague of murder hornets or the zombie apocalypse. I keep asking myself, "Should we call The Terminator yet?"

As the owner of a business to which aliens have developed a strong attraction, I must

think about the safety of our employees and our guests. Who knows what kind of germs these little green beings could bring to Halloween at Jordan. I can't take the risk.

That's why we've decided to cancel the party this year.

October may still be two months away, but the only thing more challenging than an alien attack during harvest is trying to throw an epic party that adheres to social distancing and mass gathering rules. If we can't revel on a level known only to past party-goers, the bad aliens win.

The clock restarts now. Halloween at Jordan 2021 will exist on a new ecliptic plane unknown to man. We have 14 months to plot and plan our counterattack—which means you have 434 days to scour your favorite sci-fi movies for costume ideas.

In the meantime, the 2020 vintage looks promising in the vineyards, and tourist lodging reopened in June. All hotels, inns and Airbnbs are adding tin foil hats to their in-room amenities to protect guests from intergalactic lifeforms. It's a great first step in our new world of living with aliens.

Rest assured, we will not let Scary 2020 roll on without a fight. If our vineyards continue to be smashed into crop circles, if our entire inventory of 2014 magnums is stolen, if our herd of cows disappears in the middle of the night, we will suspend the 2020 harvest and take up arms against the extraterrestrials. Our winemakers and cellar crew are already beginning zero gravity training.

Don't let the aliens deter you from visiting us soon, and don't forget to save the date for Halloween at Jordan 2021.

John Jordan
JORDAN WINERY, HEALDSBURG, CA

DEAR EDITOR:

Your ongoing reports of the mysterious events unfolding across our country have neglected to include coverage of a highly relevant study that took place last January. According to an exclusive survey of more than 1,000 adults by Medium's OneZero, the majority of Americans, roughly 57 percent, believe there is intelligent life beyond Earth. Furthermore, more than 25 percent of our fellow countrymen and women believe that alien societies would likely resemble those of humans.

Responsible journalism during a time of heightened UFO sightings and alien abduction reports means balancing the scare-tactic headlines with thought-provoking articles that explore the potential benefits to making contact with other lifeforms in the universe. These extraterrestrial civilizations, many of which may be much older and technologically advanced than our world, could help us solve many of the great challenges our planet is facing.

The aliens could be more like us than we could possibly imagine. But if we don't open our arms to the laser beams, we may never know.

Kim Zetter
AUTHOR, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Police Blotter — Crime News from Northern Sonoma County

HEALDSBURG

MATHESON STREET AND HEALDSBURG AVENUE, 12:30 A.M. JULY 1. Police arrested three college art students for vandalism after they turned the Healdsburg Plaza gazebo into a spaceship. Damages estimated at \$7,500.

ALEXANDER VALLEY ROAD AND LYTTON STATION ROAD, 5:58 A.M. JULY 3. A suspicious person was seen at the Welcome to Alexander Valley sign, bouncing laser beams into a nearby field. Suspect levitated east, wearing what appeared to be a Starfleet officer uniform.

PASSALACQUA ROAD AND SHANNON ROAD, 7:01 A.M. JUNE 30. Six ATVs disappeared from the Montage Resort construction site. After searching the area, all were found at neighboring Jordan Estate in the middle of a crop circle. Jordan is cooperating with authorities.

EASTSIDE ROAD AND GRAPEVINE LANE, 4:18 A.M. JULY 4. A 32-year-old male woke up to

find a stranger standing in the corner of his bedroom. He described the assailant as "green and blurry." He said he believed he'd been the victim of a genital probe while asleep. The man had spent the evening at Duke's Spirited Cocktails. His injuries were not life-threatening, and his identity is being withheld.

GEYSERVILLE

GEYSERVILLE AVENUE AT HIGHWAY 128, 12:48 A.M. JULY 1. Police arrested two suspects—a 28-year-old woman and a 49-year-old man—who refused to leave the Geyserville Gun Club after closing. The couple from San Francisco had barricaded themselves in the restroom, fearing that they would be abducted by aliens if they tried to drive back to their Airbnb after midnight. The bar's pink toilet was damaged during the altercation, causing \$500 in damages.

MOODY LANE NEAR HIGHWAY 128, 9:58 P.M. JULY 4. While en route to his trash can,

a resident encountered a litter of Tribbles being mothered by a 60-pound mountain lion.

SANTA ROSA

3600 BLOCK OF MOCHA LANE, 8:38 P.M. JULY 4. A resident dressed in a jumpsuit created a rocket launcher in Coffey Park and attempted to send himself into orbit. The 35-year-old male landed in a nearby bouncy castle. No one was injured.

3700 BLOCK OF HIGHWAY 128, 12:38 P.M. JULY 6. Two workers were on lunch break at Munselle Vineyards when the historic milk barn on the property, vacant since the 1960s, began to glow and shake. They heard mooing sounds and approached the barn to find a cow branded with the SpaceX logo.

3900 BLOCK OF RINCON RIDGE DRIVE, 6:49 A.M. JULY 5. A man wearing only underwear and a silver helmet covered in tin foil was reported walking in circles with his arms in the air, shouting at the sky. ■

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LOST—12 black cows, aged eight months to five years. Last seen in their fenced in pasture on the corner of Lytton Station Road and Alexander Valley Road on Wednesday at 9 p.m., being chased by a silver glowing disc. \$1,000 cash reward for any information that leads to the return of the herd or the capture of the offending disc. Call 606-0842.

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Wine Buyer
Claims
Abduction
by Aliens

Steakhouse Sommelier
Comes Forward After
Reports of Wine Country
Crop Circles

by John Thomas

The three-ring media circus surrounding an unexplainable crop circle in California received its first distraction on Wednesday, when a Texas restaurant employee came forward for the first time, revealing that he had been abducted by aliens at work six years ago.

Christopher Tannin, 39, of Sugar Land, Texas, appeared on *Good Morning America* at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, dropping the bombshell to the top-rated morning show's 5 million viewers.

"I floated straight into the bright white light beaming from his chest," Tannin told host George Stephanopoulos from the circular sofa at GMA's Times Square studio. The clean-cut father of two, a current WSET Level 3 student who proudly wore his sommelier pin on a navy blue suit jacket, recounted his unbelievable experience with the poise and conviction of a seasoned defense attorney.

What is certain about the night of Oct. 18, 2014, is this: Tannin worked his usual Saturday night shift at SLICE Steak in Houston's Museum District, recommending wines and pouring tastes for a bustling crowd of Lone Star State diners. At the end of the evening, around 11:15 p.m. local time, Tannin exited the back entrance of the building carrying a box overflowing with empty wine bottles destined for the restaurant's industrial-sized glass recycling bin.

According to Tannin's television interview, what happened next was straight out of a James Cameron movie: The former high school football star opened the container's heavy lid with one hand and froze. Two glowing green creatures with giant black eyes, narrow pointy heads and incredibly long fingers were sifting through the pile of empty bottles.

"They were dumpster diving," Tannin said in a matter-of-fact tone. "One of the things had a finger stuffed into a magnum of 2007 Jordan. He pulled it out and licked it. That's when a halo of bright light formed on his chest, and everything went white."

Stephanopoulos pressed the composed man to continue.

Tannin said he felt blinded and could only hear a kind of zipping sound and then a hovering noise above his head. There was a flash of red light, and suddenly, he could see again.

"I was on some sort of table in a bright room with lots of metal and devices all over the walls," he said. "There was also a wall of wine bottles on display—trophy labels like Harlan, Dominus, Scarecrow, Petrus, Lynch-Bages and Jordan. It looked like the command center for the USS Enterprise meets a Sub-Zero wine cellar."

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Americans Flock to Mysterious Crop Circle in California Wine Country

by Margaret K. Winewalker

Thousands of people are making a pilgrimage to a remote field in Northern California's Alexander Valley to see a mysterious crop circle with their own eyes.

The elaborate design, which has a diameter of more than 500 feet, was discovered by the property's owner, a pilot, during a regular flight to survey his 1,200-acre ranch's pastures, woodlands and vineyards. News of his remarkable find quickly spread online.

Even stranger is the fact that the ornate circle has an ominous message—spanning the length of two football fields—carved into its core: "SEND MAGNUMS." Vintner John Jordan of Healdsburg, Calif., found the shocking statement just after sunrise on May 25, when his Sport Cub aircraft reached a cruising altitude of 1,500 feet above the famed Alexander Valley wine country. A pilot since his teens, Jordan, 48, snapped a photo during the flight and shared it on his company's Instagram @jordanwinery, receiving 500,000 likes and 70,000 comments within 24 hours.

The winery CEO and former U.S. Navy officer told reporters that he didn't create the circle and doesn't believe anyone could have entered the property, which is under surveillance by onsite security, a skilled K-9 Unit that includes Halsey Jordan, a 70-pound labrador retriever.

"This is not some payback joke by an angry retailer who didn't get an allocation

of wine," said Jordan, who lives on the ranch. "No one with two legs or four wheels can get past Halsey."

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Known more for his wine than his cattle, Jordan maintains five- to 10-acre parcels of extra tall wheatgrass across his ranch, a superfood known to lower cholesterol, which nearly 30 Black Angus cows graze upon throughout spring. Fields of wheatgrass, alfalfa and fava beans currently cover a combined 720 acres at Jordan Estate—a record for the near-quinquagenarian winery—due to a massive replanting of its prized hillside cabernet sauvignon grapevines, where former vineyard sites are planted to favas and other cover crops to rejuvenate their soils before new grapevines are planted.

This could make the vintner a prime target for more crop circles.

Jordan Estate's largest fava field, located at the southeast corner of the ranch, is now at the center of a phenomena that has scientists, wine lovers and paranormal hobbyists alike flocking to witness the uncanny sight. According to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, special permits had to be instated for local hot air balloon and helicopter tour operators, who were attempting to fly tourists and researchers to the crop circle for observation. All Jordan Winery tasting experiences are sold out through October.

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Robert Bigelow, a UFO enthusiast and founder of the National Institute for Discovery Science, said that crop circles are the first contact of extraterrestrial beings and that wine lovers should brace themselves.

"After first contact, the aliens took my cows," said Bigelow, former owner of Skinwalker Ranch in northeastern Utah, a horde of paranormal activity dubbed UFO Alley. "They have acquired a taste for beef. It only makes sense that they are invading cabernet wine country next." ■



Jordan Wine Joins Historic Mission to Mars

by Lisa Malbec

The new United States Space Force received special clearance from the president to send a bottle of wine on the Mars Perseverance mission in July. It was the second mission in American history with the express purpose of finding life, past or present, on Mars.

Even though the International Space Station has a strict no-alcohol policy for astronauts, experts believe that recent news of unexplainable crop circles in Wine Country prompted the exemption. The wine chosen for the historic mission to Mars, a 1.5-liter bottle of 2014 Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon, was made from grapes grown on land where the “SEND MAGNUMS” crop circle message appeared.

“In this time of heightened paranormal activity, we have to remain open to new ideas and experimental methods,” said Christopher J. Merlotte, head of the United States Space Force’s Alcohol Warfare Program (AWP), a top-secret unit created in 2020 to study wine in space and safeguard against its possible use as a weapon by extraterrestrials.

An iconic wine on restaurant wine lists

since the 1980s, Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon also possesses lower alcohol and pH levels ideal for space travel experiments—key factors in the development of wine’s esters, a type of wine aroma that is both fruity and fleeting to the nose.

“New research shows that wine esters are more intoxicating than the alcohol itself,” said John Jordan, the owner of Jordan Winery and a U.S. Navy Captain who was recently appointed Special Advisor to Jay Raymond, the Commander of the United States Space Force. “When you start with a wine like Jordan that has moderate alcohol levels and higher acids, the esters are even more pronounced.”

When it reaches the Red Planet this month, Mars Perseverance will not only search for signs of life, but pave the way for future human missions, according to NASA scientists. Fueled by a tiny nuclear reactor, Perseverance has seven-foot-long mechanical arms and a drill to crack open rock samples in locations scientists identify as potentially suitable for life. According to Jordan, the AWP is also fitting the vehicle’s arm with a robotic hand to securely hold the magnum

of Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon in front of the vehicle while climbing over rocky terrain. Perseverance’s hand has even been programmed to use a corkscrew and open the magnum while traveling at a ground speed of up to 20 miles per hour.

“We are particularly interested in the findings from this study,” said Elon Musk, founder of SpaceX, whose Crew Dragon spacecraft completed its first crewed mission to space, Demo-2, in May. “If we start with the premise that there is life on Mars, when SpaceX arrives, we will need to come bearing gifts—gifts that can be enjoyed in an environment with far less gravity.” NASA astronauts aboard the SpaceX Crew Dragon docked at the International Space Station on May 31 and successfully returned to Earth with a splash landing in the Gulf of Mexico on August 2.

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This latest development in space research comes on the heels of a slew of news reports involving space exploration. President Donald J. Trump established the United States Space Force on December 20, 2019. NASA unveiled its Mars 2020 mission rover on December 27, 2019, and revealed its name, Perseverance, on March 6, 2020. In February, NASA released a series of mysterious discoveries from its InSight mission currently active on Mars—including the fact that the Red Planet has started to hum, and scientists don’t know why. Mars Perseverance launched on July 30, 2020, and the next Mars Close Approach—when it’s closest to Earth—will be on October 6, 2020.

These headlines don’t include the spike in reports of unidentified flying objects, crop circles and alien abductions since October 31, 2019.

Mars Perseverance is actually the second mission to send a bottle of Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon to space. The first flight, conducted with a 750mL bottle to test how wine esters travel through a vacuum, reached the lower stratosphere before landing successfully in California’s Death Valley on the same day that NASA announced the Mars 2020 rover’s name, Perseverance.

The first mission in American history with the express purpose of finding life on Mars—Viking 1—occurred in 1976, the year the inaugural Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon was produced. In honor of this milestone, commemorative Jordan Winery Space Force badges will be sold at jordanwinery.com for \$20 in 2021. ■

ABDUCTION *from page 1*

Stephanopoulos’s face lost color on camera at the Star Trek reference.

Or maybe it was the wine selection.

Five of those small green creatures swarmed around Tannin, he said. The man was paralyzed on the table with no visible straps or restraints. The creatures started digging into his sports coat pocket, retrieving all three of his wine cork pullers—a traditional waiter’s corkscrew, an ah-so cork puller with two metal prongs, and a Durand, the latest wine cork removal device for old wines, which combines the other two designs.

According to Tannin, the aliens examined each of the corkscrews closely with their big, black eyes. Then one of them attached the waiter’s corkscrew to a drill-like hand tool.

“He held the corkscrew tool to the top of my head,” Tannin recounted in a panic. “I started screaming, but when I heard the buzzing of the machine, it didn’t hurt.” He dropped his head and pushed his brown hair to the sides, revealing an unusual red scar on his scalp. The camera zoomed in, and the live studio audience gasped in unison.

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Tannin became visibly nervous reliving the next memory.

“Two other aliens pushed my legs apart,” he said, then took a long, shaking breath. “The other one took my Durand and, uh, well, he did what urban legend says aliens do.”

Tannin said the next thing he remembered was being back at the restaurant.

“Everything looked the same,” he said. “I was back in the parking lot, standing next to the dumpster in the dark. Then one of the bartenders flew out the back door and yelled at me, ‘What the F, bro? I’m on a double. Why did you ghost me on the brunch shift?’”

Tannin says he grabbed his iPhone from his pocket. The calendar app icon read, “Sunday, October 19.” A full day had passed.

He also noticed something strange about his camera roll.

“It’s like they thought my head and shoulders were just like a wine bottle’s, and they were trying to remove my cork.”

“Every photo of every wine bottle I’ve ever snapped was white—not erased—just white. It was like they pulled every pixel out of the image.” The career sommelier also said that his Vivino and Wine Enthusiast apps were gone.

Tannin was 33 at the time of the incident, and is well-known in the community, so the fear of being ridiculed and labeled a drunk kept him from entering the media crush sooner.

“But when I read about that crazy crop circle at Jordan Winery with the words ‘SEND MAGNUMS’ in the center, I knew I could no longer keep my silence,” he said, shaking his head. “There is a connection. Something triggered those green guys after all these years. For the sake of the planet and the wine world, we can’t shrug this off as crazy talk. This needs to be the Department of Homeland Security’s top priority. The time is now.”

The morning after his appearance, the Lone Star State’s latest alien abduction was global news. Within 24 hours, reporters from BBC, Sky News, CNN, Fox and TMZ were thrusting cameras and microphones into Tannin’s still-stunned face, as he left his suburban home to commute to downtown Houston. A “UFO investigator” from the University of California at Davis flew in and said his story checked out. Investigators from the Houston Police Department also questioned Tannin for hours.

“We did everything we know, every technique in the playbook, to try to break his story,” said Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, whose law enforcement career spans three decades and brought him from California to Texas in 2005. “If he was lying to me, he should be in Hollywood. I used to be a cop in Los Angeles. Trust me on this.”

This is the first major alien abduction case to surface in Texas since 1995, when the UFOlogy Society Support Group (UFO-SSG) was formed with 25 residents from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. UFO-SSG founder Lacy Shields is encouraging any other Texans who have been abducted by aliens to call (214) 497-1505, or contact the Mutual UFO Network, a U.S.-based non-profit organization composed of civilian volunteers who study alleged UFO sightings, at www.mufon.com. ■



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