

Aliens did not really snatch me

EX-KNICK Baron Davis' claim that he was "actually abducted by aliens" was actually made in jest.

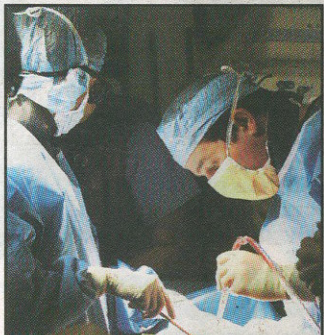
"That alien thing is a joke," Davis wrote, tweeting at one of the hosts of "The Champs" podcast where he told the outrageous story. "Please help me. People are outside my house in black suits #jrk #meninblack."

He added Saturday that he was inspired to go on a sci-fi movie marathon after sharing the wacky tale about being abducted by extraterrestrials outside of Las Vegas "like two weeks ago."

"Just finished watching 'Mac and Me.' #searchingforunderstanding...E.T. is next!!" he tweeted.

The goofy close encounter sounded like a scene from "Space Jam," starring the charismatic basketball player. "I'm a little tired and s--- and I see this light and I think it's a big-a-- truck," Davis said in the podcast released Thursday. "Then next thing you know, dude, like, I was in this f----- steel thing!"

Stephen Rex Brown



BEST HOSPITALS COMING TUESDAY

Rowling's back but undercover

ACCLAIMED "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling has been unmasked as the writer of a new detective novel that has garnered rave reviews.

Rowling, writing under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith, penned a 450-page crime novel titled "The Cuckoo's Calling."

"I had hoped to keep this secret a little longer because being Robert Galbraith has been such a liberating experience," Rowling told the Sunday Times of London.

The book chronicles a war veteran-turned-private investigator named Cormoran Strike as he tries to untangle the death of his model sister, who plunged to her death from a London balcony.

Rich Schapiro



Vera Farmiga inspects a spooky prop on the set of "The Conjuring." Photo by Michael Tackett

BE AFRAID!

Phantoms reportedly fill set of 'The Conjuring'

BY ETHAN SACKS
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AS SCARY as "The Conjuring" is on the big screen, the filmmakers say the most terrifying scenes took place off camera.

The horror film, opening Friday, is based on a purportedly true 1971 haunting investigated by real-life husband and wife ghost hunters Ed and Lorraine Warren (played by Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga).

And even skeptics among the cast and crew noticed some odd phenomena during the making of the movie.

Director James Wan was working on a shooting script in his home office before filming started when his Maltipoo puppy Lana reacted to an unseen presence.

"She would stare at the corner of the office and make this really low growl," Wan told the Daily News. "She would just be growling away

and she would be just tracking whatever this thing is across my office, just looking at it, following it. She did this many, many nights in a row and it just freaked me out."

Twin brothers Chad and Carey Hayes, who wrote the screenplay for "The Conjuring," are convinced that evil forces were ready for their closeup — most notably on a set built to recreate the Warrens' Monroe, Conn., Occult Museum.

"My son was working on the film in the camera department and he was sent into the museum set to pull a cable and he was the last one in there at night," says Chad Hayes. "He walked in there, and this top on a shelf starts spinning by itself. As he literally walked past it, it spun, landed on the floor and continued spinning."

"He hauled a-- out of there so fast, he told his boss, 'Dude, I am never, ever going in there again.'"

Carey Hayes says it all started when the writers would call Lorraine Warren to discuss the 4,000 cases that she investigated with her late husband.

Their conversations would be interrupted by strange bursts of static on the line that sounded like a cascade of angry whispers, judging by his brother's reenactment.

"It was not something wrong with the line. You'd like to say that, but it's not," Warren, now 85, told The News. "When something like that happens, I'm a Christian, I bless myself. . . . I'll say, 'In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to leave.' And the static gets better."

While a reporter might be skeptical, Warren believes



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there's more that goes bump in the dark than just clumsy moviegoers leaving their seats to get popcorn.

"I know," Warren said, "it's all real."

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