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## Halloween

# A psychic walk in the park

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Joan Carro paced the paths of Washington Square Park. She paused at some gnarled trees and weathered benches, waved her hands in front of her face and inhaled deeply. She took a seat and began to speak to the dead.

"I'm going to pass an invisible telephone," the psychic said. She closed her eyes, took off her gloves and held out her palms. "They're speaking all at once."

For Carro, who has consulted in missing persons cases, the Greenwich Village park is fertile ground for reaching out to other worlds. She believes there are 15,000 paupers, slaves and yellow fever victims who were laid to rest there in the past.

During her "conversations" on a cold October afternoon, she spoke to "Rosemary," who wanted to be remem-



Washington Square Park might be a scene of a lot of paranormal activity.

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bered for her hardship as a young single mother and "Frederick" or "Roderick" (Carro could not decide), who thought it an honor to be buried there.

"He enjoys the energy. He was a bit of a drinker. He prances above," Carro said.

Then she began to laugh hysterically. "I'm not supposed to see this, but I'm seeing some lovemaking."

Carro said she sees a dimension beyond the normal reality. "I call it internal squinting," she explained.

While Carro's abilities can

be seen as Halloween fun, she claims to have gotten advance notice on natural disasters and other tragedies.

"I did dream of the bombing of downtown. And I dreamt of the tidal wave. I saw a map. Though I'm not into doom and gloom, I think the floods are coming now, and scientists agree with me," Carro said.

Police regularly contact psychics for clues, and Carro has been asked to help find missing persons. Court TV has developed an entire documentary show on the premise, called "Psychic Detectives."

"If a case remains unsolved for months, the police might contact a psychic. It's not to solve a crime but to go in a new direction. And in some cases you just have to think, 'Boy, I just don't know ...'" said "Psychic Detectives" creator Robyn Hutt.



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