

# New Jersey mom's a real-life ghostbuster

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**SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J.** — When there's something strange in the neighborhood, who ya' gonna call? Jane Doherty — a real-life ghostbuster!

The divorced mom of two travels all over the nation to communicate with spirits — and send them packing.

"I understand them," says Jane. "It's a special ability."

The teacher-turned-psyhic says she inherited her talents from her mother and grandmother. When her children were born, she left teaching to investigate paranormal phenomena.

Then came her first call at the New Jersey Society of Parapsychologists — a hysterical woman with a ghost in her house.

Jane raced to the scene.

The client's husband had died suddenly 15 years before. Since then, the house had been filled with spectral silliness like flickering appliances and cold air pockets.

"He was only trying to say goodbye," says Jane, who went into a trance and made contact with the dead man.

He said so-long to his spouse, then moved on. And Jane

closed her first successful case.

The super psychic says she dispatches unwanted apparitions by telling them to "go to the light" — the tunnel between this world and the next.

"And of course you also send them love and energy because sometimes they don't want to go to God because they are afraid of what they did here," says Jane, who doesn't charge a dime

for her services. The otherworldly expert also suggests sprinkling sea salt in the corners of the house to break up negative energy.

"I don't know how it works, but it does," she says.

Since 1986, the renowned spiritualist had contact with about 125 ghosts all over the country, including Lizzie Borden's slain stepmother Abby — who got the

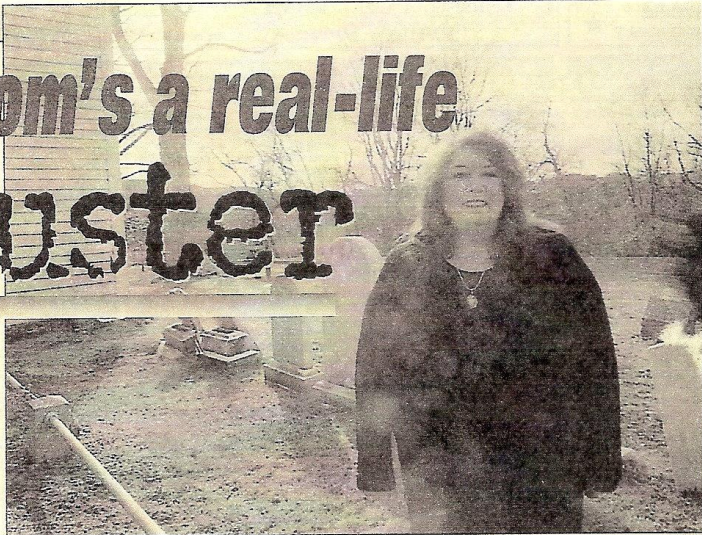
famed 40 whacks in 1892. But Jane says Lizzie got a bum rap — the real killer was someone hired by a relative in an inheritance dispute.

In another adventure, the spook chaser had a close encounter with a shadowy guy at the Sea Holly Inn in Cape May, N.J. who wanted to have some spiritsex!

"That would not be the experience I would want," she laughs, "but most ghosts are harmless."

"They are usually loved ones who want to help us or remind us of something."

"They can't hurt you."



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## Her tip: Sprinkle sea salt to shoo away spirits