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Names the same in New Jersey's Third: Runyan and Adler

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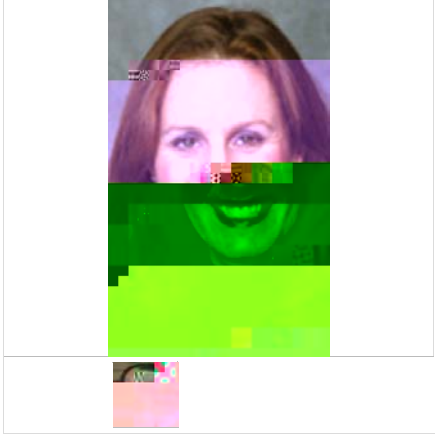
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The boundaries are new, but South Jersey's Third Congressional District remains home to one of the most intense and expensive House races in the state.

The names, too, are familiar. Republican Jon Runyan is seeking a second term in Congress after a lengthy football career, mostly with the Eagles. He faces Shelley Adler, a former Cherry Hill councilwoman whose late husband, John, a longtime state legislator, represented the district in Congress for a term before losing to Runyan in 2010. He died five months later of complications from a bacterial staph endocarditis infection.

"My husband left a legacy of public service," Adler said. "We believe that public service is about helping people, and there are so many people out there that need help right now."

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Running against Runyan, she said, is not personal: "He's just an opponent with a voting record."

Runyan, 38, casts that record as embracing the fiscal discipline needed to repair the economy. In his first term in office, he twice voted for the Republican spending plan proposed by Paul Ryan, the House budget

Runyan would leave taxes at current levels; Adler would let them rise on incomes of \$1 million and up to help balance the federal budget.

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