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## Dan Gross: Strahan to raise Runyan

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By Dan Gross  
Philadelphia Daily News

**JON RUNYAN** and **Michael Strahan** battled for years on the football field, but now the Eagles lineman and the Giants defensive end have joined in politics.

Runyan, a Republican candidate for Congress in New Jersey, has enlisted Strahan for an upcoming fundraiser, according to friends aware of Runyan's plans.

"Jon and Mike are friends from their playing days, and they've talked about the congressional race," says Runyan's campaign spokesman, **Chris Russell**. "At the moment, no plans for Mr. Strahan to join Jon on the campaign trail have been finalized, but it would sure be fun if he did."

### Uncle Charlie at Ted's

Phillies skipper **Charlie Manuel** hit Ted's Montana Grill (Broad & Spruce) after Sunday's loss to the Florida Marlins.

### Comedy contest in Jersey

Sarcasm Comedy Club, in the Cherry Hill Crowne Plaza, tomorrow launches a new comedy contest Friday nights through May 14. Each week's winner wins \$50 and competes for \$500 at the finals on May 21. For more info, visit sarcasmcomedyclub.com.

### Collins at Ashe benefit

Tennis commentator and writer **Bud Collins** will sign copies of his newest book, "The Bud Collins History of Tennis: An Authoritative Encyclopedia and Record Book," at tomorrow night's 27th Annual **Arthur Ashe** Youth Tennis and Education Benefit for Children, at the Ashe Tennis Center, in East Falls. Collins will donate all proceeds of sales Friday to Arthur Ashe programs for local kids. A few tickets remain at ashetennis.org.

### Stooges grace 'Chutzpah' cover

ThreeStooges.com, the official Web site of the legendary comedy team of 3rd & South native **Larry Fine** and fellow knuckleheads **Moe, Curly**, and **Shemp Howard**, has a prominent link to the cover story of the premiere issue of *Chutzpah* magazine. *Chutzpah's* chief content officer, **Julie Davis Canter**, says that the quarterly mag, which is locally themed, may also launch in other cities.

Canter says that the target audience is "people who want to preserve their Jewish heritage. There are too many organizations who divide Jews. We're celebrating what we all have in common." Canter and publisher **Andrew Cantor**, who also publishes *Bucks* and *MAINLINE* magazines, previously worked together for a series of magazines published by Lifestyle Ventures. ChutzpahMag.com has features that aren't in the magazine.

### New deli in town

Jeffrey's, a Jewish deli in the Wissahickon Business Center (4700 Wissahickon) opens today with weekday hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Owner **Jeffrey Brandeis** says that delivery will start soon.

### Reporter's pork takes 2nd prize

**Barbara Laker** and **Wendy Ruderman's** Pulitzer Prize wasn't the only *Daily News* honor last week. People Paper reporter **William Bender's** team, Heavy Hitters BBQ, placed second in the Whole Hog category at Pork in the Park, in Salisbury, Md., a qualifier for the upcoming Jack Daniel's Invitational Barbecue World Championship. Teammates were **Ed Tietjen**, chef and co-owner of Stephen's on State (105 W. State), in Media; Tietjen's wife, **Allison DiMartino Tietjen**; brother **Chris Tietjen**; **Stephen Prazenica**; and **Joe Blubello**.

"Ain't a Pulitzer, but it tasted good," Bender says.

### Shelter dogs need running buds

You've probably heard of Back On My Feet, the local group that inspires the homeless to self-empowerment through running, but you may not be familiar with Monster Milers, which connects local runners with homeless dogs as running companions. The group, a division of the Monster Minders dog-walking and pet-sitting service, in South Philly, takes

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### More good deeds for dogs

Lower Makefield Police Officer **Brian Golder** brought his partner, **Jasmine**, a K9 officer who's been on the force three years, for a free eye exam courtesy of the Center for Animal Referral and Emergency Services (CARES) in Langhorne. The free exam is open to all service dogs but owners must register at [acvoeyexam.org](http://acvoeyexam.org), and call 215-750-2774 to make an appointment between now and May 16.

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