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## Crash victim a fun guy friends expected to succeed



CAMPBELL

By **LYNDA COHEN**  
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Everyone thought Tevin Campbell would be famous one day.

There were always tears of laughter when he was around, friend Tia Canty recalled.

The tears are different now. Campbell, 18, of Absecon, died in a Memorial Day crash in

Pleasantville that also killed two other teens. The driver and two others remain hospitalized.

"I had just woke up and was trying to process it in my head," Canty said of getting the call from a friend Monday night telling her Campbell was in an accident. "My first thought was to run to the hospital, until she told me he died."

The car full of teenagers had planned to head to Atlantic City, Canty said. She got to the Boardwalk around 5 p.m., not realizing the accident involving a car and an NJ Transit bus she had heard about earlier involved her friend.

"It was just supposed to be a day that they went to the Boardwalk for a little and then

come back, but it turned out way different," friend Khadijah Davis said.

Melissa Rodriguez, 18, of Pleasantville, was heading north on Franklin Boulevard after picking up Kira Strider, 14, who lived nearby, when the car swerved into an oncoming bus. NJ Transit

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**A friend's remembrance**

See a friend's video tribute to Tevin Campbell at [bit.ly/pressTevin](http://bit.ly/pressTevin)



### STAFFORD TOWN HALL

## Christie vows 3,000 more to receive Sandy aid soon



Staff photo by Michael Ein

Gov. Chris Christie prepares to take questions from the crowd during a town hall meeting Wednesday at Saint Mary of the Pines in Stafford Township.

### \$390M for rebuilding still leaves many out, victims say

By **DONNA WEAVER**  
Staff Writer

**STAFFORD TOWNSHIP** — A second round of federal Hurricane Sandy funding will push 3,000 homeowners off a waiting list and that much closer to rebuilding, Gov. Chris Christie announced during his 121st town hall meeting Wednesday.

Christie told a crowd of more than 400 Wednesday at Saint Mary of the Pines that he expects approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in its second round of recovery funding. The state then plans to earmark \$390 million in aid for the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation program, or RREM.

"It's not about getting back to normal. It's about getting to a new normal," Christie said.

Soon, letters will be mailed to about 3,000 families who are on the rebuilding waiting list, Christie said. The state also has decided to begin environmental reviews of storm-damaged properties immediately, he said.

On Friday, officials announced that in the third and final round of federal Hurricane Sandy funding, New Jersey will receive an additional \$882 million under the community development block grant program. That will bring the total Sandy aid New Jersey has received to about \$4.2 billion.

Bob Stern, of Beach Haven, said Wednesday he will not receive RREM funding to elevate his home on Fourth Street because he didn't meet the qualifications. Stern said he

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Bob Stern reacts to Chris Christie's town hall meeting. Stern says he hopes to receive money from a grant program to elevate his house.

#### See the town hall meeting

Hear what Christie and area residents have to say about rebuilding after Sandy: [bit.ly/presstowhall](http://bit.ly/presstowhall)



### Vineland

## Housing project set to fill 2nd 'Corner'

■ Developer Hans Lampart says he may build 78 apartments for seniors around a Crown Fried Chicken property whose owners won't sell.

By **THOMAS BARLAS**  
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**VINELAND** — Another part of the controversial Four Corners development project may be built after all.

Developer Hans Lampart said Wednesday he has acquired \$17 million worth of loans and state tax credits needed to finally build a senior housing-retail venture at Landis and East avenues. The next step is to finish buying the seven parcels of land needed for the project, he said. He owns one of the parcels, while the city owns three others.

One property holding up the project is the site of a Crown Fried Chicken eatery. The owners of that business have gone to court in past years to prevent the city or Lampart from buying their property.

Lampart admitted on Wednesday that buying the Crown Fried Chicken property may be a problem. But he has an alternate

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## Route 30 crosswalks inconsistent

By **DONNA WEAVER**  
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**ABSECON** — Ashley Channell, 25, has crossed Route 30 in Absecon since she was a teenager, but the confusion and uncertainty remain each time she approaches the intersection.

After pressing the pedestrian signal button at Shore Road, Channell made her way across Route 30 and safely reached the other side.

But at the small adjacent intersection at Creek and Shore Roads, there is not another button for Channell to push to change that traffic signal.

Some intersections have buttons that pedestrians must push to change the traffic signal, but others have traffic signals that change automatically and frequently enough that they don't require a button.

"This is always iffy right here, crossing

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