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STATE AT A GLANCE

EAST HARTFORD — Local officials have persuaded key members of the state's congressional delegation to include about \$7 million in federal legislation to help the town make improvements in the levee along the Connecticut River. Mayor Meloy A. Currey said Friday that a study to determine the cost of the project is underway, but some officials estimate it could cost much more than \$7 million.

MIDDLETOWN — The high school building committee will collect a \$940,000 clean-energy grant from the state. The grant, officially announced by Connecticut Innovations Inc., will cover more than half of the total cost of installing a 200-kilowatt fuel cell at the new Middletown High School under construction.

MIDDLETOWN — Glenn James Davis Jr. was freshly out of jail last November when he began corresponding over MySpace.com with a 13-year-old girl he vaguely knew — a contact that would result about six months later in sexual assault charges against Davis, police said. The girl said she "never felt like she was having consensual sex" with Davis, Det. Brandy Boemmels states in the arrest-warrant affidavit.

NEW BRITAIN — The city plans to get a new appraisal of private property it wants to acquire through eminent domain. The city wants to build a police station at 121-131 Main St., which is owned by Garden Main Street LLC. In a lawsuit filed against the city Wednesday, Garden Main Street claims the city did not make a reasonable effort to negotiate and tried to use its enforcement powers to pressure Garden Main Street into selling for less than market value.

PLAINVILLE — Solar-powered electricity-generating technology that officials hope will reduce the town's utility costs is set to be installed on the roof of Plainville High School this summer. The solar panels are integrated into the roofing material. Officials say the technology will supply about 10 percent of the school's electricity needs and could reduce utility costs by about \$25,000 per year.