

June 4, 1998

VISIT WITH CONGRESSMAN MCGOVERN TO PROJECT CONNECT

Date: June 4, 1998
Time: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm
Location: Hyman Fine Elementary School
Attleboro, Massachusetts
From: Jennifer Klein and Neera Tanden

I. PURPOSE

To visit Project Connect, an innovative public-private partnership located in Attleboro Public Schools that promotes early childhood development, and to highlight Congressman McGovern's commitment to early learning and other issues affecting children and families.

II. BACKGROUND

Project Connect

Project Connect is a program focusing on early childhood development that is administered through the Attleboro Public School System. Project Connect activities include: (1) subsidized child care; (2) The Family Network and Parents as Teachers programs that provide parent training; home visitation by certified parent educators for families with children from birth to three; and infant/toddler playgroups; and (3) a Young Children's Community Center that offers additional early childhood programming. Project Connect is funded through competitive grants from the Massachusetts Department of Education and is the product of a collaboration between the public and private sectors in the early childhood field.

Project Connect assists a large number of people in the community. Last year, 125 preschoolers were served by part-day preschool programs, 584 adults were assisted by Project Connect's parenting workshops, and 196 families were reached by The Parents As Teachers home visiting program.

Representative Jim McGovern's Child Care Record

Jim McGovern is a freshman Democrat whose district includes Attleboro, Worcester and Fall River. He has a strong record on children and family issues, as demonstrated by his co-sponsorship of two child care bills. In November 1997, Representatives McGovern, DeLauro (D-CT) and Morella (R-MD) introduced H.R. 2713, the *Early Learning Opportunity State Grants Act of 1998*, which would provide flexible grants to

states to enhance early child development programs and family support services and which is very similar to the Administration's proposed \$3 billion Early Learning Fund. In April 1997, Representatives McGovern, DeLauro and Hoyer introduced H.R. 1373, *The Early Learning and Opportunity Act*, which would increase investment in Early Head Start program (for children from birth to three) and expand the Family and Medical Leave Act. In addition, in November 1997, Congressman McGovern successfully lobbied to have \$114 million in additional funding for early childhood development and child care programs included as part of the fiscal year 1998 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill. Also, in October 1997, he participated in the White House Conference on Child Care.

Hyman Fine Elementary School

Hyman Fine School, an innovative elementary school, is one of five elementary schools in the Attleboro Public School System and enrolls 565 students. The school uses team teaching in grades one through four and multi-year assignments, or looping, in which each teacher works with the same student for two years in the first through eighth grade. The school has a Reading Recovery Program, which helps low achieving first grade children learn to read through intensive, daily individual instruction. It also relies on 150 parent and community volunteers who devote more than 5,000 hours each year to the school. In addition, Hyman Fine School has just hired a Parent Liaison to offer parent workshops, a handbook for new parents, and information on local educational activities. Finally, Hyman Fine also offers its students a before-and-after-school day care program (ABACUS) that takes place on the school grounds.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Tour

- The First Lady
- Representative McGovern
- Judith Robins, Mayor of Attleboro
- Ted Thibodeau, Superintendent of Schools
- Lynn Schweinshaut, Program Director, Project Connect
- Mary Fishbeck, Principal, Hyman Fine Elementary School

Speaking Program

- Judith Robins, Mayor
- Ted Thibodeau, Superintendent of Schools
- Lynn Schweinshaut, Program Director, Project Connect
- Yolanda McFadden, Parent
- Congressman McGovern
- The First Lady

Audience of 400 parents, child care providers, teachers, and community leaders.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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- YOU are greeted by Representative McGovern, Mayor Judith Robins, Superintendent Ted Thibodeau, Principal Mary Fishbeck, and Lynn Schweinshaut, Project Director, Project Connect.
- YOU proceed to gymnasium to greet approximately 500 Hyman Fine Elementary students.
- YOU tour Project Connect, accompanied by Representative McGovern, Mayor Judith Robins, Ted Thibodeau, and Lynn Schweinshaut, and proceed to auditorium.
- Mayor Judith Robins announces YOU and Representative McGovern onto the stage.
- Ted Thibodeau makes brief remarks and introduces Lynn Schweinshaut.
- Lynn Schweinshaut makes brief remarks and introduces Yolanda McFadden.
- Yolanda McFadden makes brief remarks and introduces Representative McGovern.
- Representative McGovern makes brief remarks and introduces YOU.
- YOU make remarks and have the opportunity to work a ropeline.

V. PRESS PLAN

Tour: Pool press

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VI. REMARKS

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The Attleboro Public School System's Project Connect is a unique early childhood initiative funded through competitive grants from the Massachusetts Department of Education.

A visitor to Project Connect will find a nationally acclaimed model of outstanding collaboration between the public and private sectors of the early childhood community. The New York based Child Care Action Campaign (CCAC) selected Project Connect as an outstanding model of a "dynamic early childhood/public school partnership."

The governing body of Project Connect is the Early Childhood Advisory Council, made up of over 100 members. This nationally recognized Board has successfully united the public and private sectors of the early childhood community. Attleboro's success in early childhood education and programming is the direct result of the collaborative efforts of these members of the early childhood community.

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The Young Children's Community Center is another aspect of Project Connect, offering high quality early childhood programming. Once again the family is the focus. Parent workshops and a lending library of parenting materials are central to this program.

Collaboration between the public and private sectors has set our community apart from others around the nation, and has made Attleboro extremely competitive for grant funding.

The following scenario typifies Project Connect's success as a family network for young children and families. Yvonne was one of the mothers who attended the parenting classes presented by Project Connect at the homeless shelter. During these classes Yvonne learned how to improve her parenting skills but she also learned that she had a special skill in working with children. Yvonne went on to school at a local college, completed her Child Development classes and now works in a Project Connect daycare program. She also benefited from subsidized daycare while she was in school. In a local newspaper article, Yvonne credited these parenting classes with setting her on her way.

Our proposal for Mrs. Clinton's visit to Hyman Fine School on June 4, 1998 includes an opportunity to read a story or do a short activity with the preschoolers at the Young Children's Community Center (YCCC), followed by a visit to a typical session with birth-to-three children, their parents, and their Parent Educator. Mrs. Clinton and Congressman McGovern would then address invited guests in the Hyman Fine auditorium, highlighting their interest in supporting early childhood education. They might also answer questions from the guests.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
REMARKS FOR MCGOVERN CHILDCARE EVENT
ATTELBORO, MA
JUNE 4, 1998**

Acknowledgements: from advance

Thank you Jim for that wonderful introduction. And thank you for organizing this tour, and for this invitation to join all of you here today. I have been looking forward to coming to Attleboro for a long time, so I could see first hand the important work being done by Project Connect -- a project I have heard so much about.

But first, I want to say a few words about my good friend, Jim McGovern. As many of you know, Congressman McGovern just recently co-sponsored an important early-learning bill in the House of Representatives. And he has long been a leader on the issues that matter most to working families here in Attleboro and throughout Massachusetts. As recently as May 7, Jim took to the floor of the House to urge his colleagues to pass comprehensive child care legislation. I want to thank Congressman McGovern for the enormous amount of work he has done in Congress, and I look forward to working with him on childcare and other important issues in the future.

I am so pleased that I could join all of you here at the Hyman Fine Elementary School to talk about one of the most important issues facing parents and our nation -- how we care for our children, especially in their earliest and most critical years. All of us here know how great the challenge is before us.

Early learning - imp. of early years

Dramatic changes in the character of America's workforce has made child care a national -- and increasingly urgent -- priority. Well over half of all mothers with small children work outside the home, a number that will surely grow as women leave the welfare rolls for the workplace. And here in Massachusetts, there are over X number of children in childcare. And as many parents here know so well, the need for care doesn't end when children go to school. Across the country, ~~at least~~ *more than* 5 million school-age children are left unsupervised during those critical after-school hours.

I believe, as I'm sure all of you do, that there is no more important job in a society than raising a child well. Nothing even comes close. So no parent should ever be asked to choose between being a good parent and a good worker. It's an impossible choice. We must all make it our top priority to ensure America's parents can succeed at both home and work.

Just a few minutes ago, I had the opportunity to visit with some children and families who are involved with Project Connect and I saw how your community has come together to help families meet the challenges of child care and early learning. This project is a testament to the power of parents and communities -- and what they can accomplish together to improve the quality of life around them. It is also a testament to the power of partnerships between the public and private sectors. When each of us steps up to the plate -- whether we are involved in business, government, or are simply concerned parents -- the results can be truly outstanding.

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As you know, the President has called on Congress to pass comprehensive Child Care legislation that would significantly increase the number of children receiving child care subsidies, give tax cuts to businesses providing child care, and expand child care tax credits to millions of working families. The legislation he has proposed would also expand funds for more after-school programs, improve the quality of child care centers, and provide more money to train child care workers. In essence, this legislation would help people across the country do what you have been so successful in doing here in Attelboro.

One of the most important pieces of the President's proposal is the Early Learning Fund which will support community efforts like this one, ^{by} invest in home visits and parent education; focus on training child care providers; and encourage links between child care providers and health care professionals. ^{working with} focusing on the needs of children w/ special needs

There are very few legislative days left for the 105th Congress. That certainly isn't much time to address the critical issue of child care in America. But Congress must make passing Child Care legislation one of its top priorities.

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June 1, 1998

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Dear [[NAME]],

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit Attleboro on Thursday, June 4, and I am writing to invite you to join us for this special occasion.

Mrs. Clinton will tour the Hyman Fine School to help highlight Project Connect, a nationally acclaimed model of outstanding collaboration between the public and private sectors of the early childhood community. She will also be speaking to an audience in the school auditorium. Project Connect includes child care, parent training, and early learning programs for the Attleboro community.

Mrs. Clinton has been an extraordinary voice for children and has dedicated much of her time and remarkable abilities to bringing early childhood issues to the forefront of the national debate. I share her concerns for this critical issue, and during my time in Congress I have fought for a more vigorous federal response to early childhood needs. Last April, I introduced The Early Learning and Opportunity Act, which supports families by investing more in Early Head Start, expanding the Family and Medical Leave Act, and providing flexible, competitive grants for states to improve the quality of care for very young children.

Those of us in Central Massachusetts should be proud of Project Connect. Please join me in showcasing our community for the First Lady and the national spotlight.

As you can imagine, space for this historic visit is limited. Those wishing to attend the speaking program must be at the Hyman Fine school by 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 4.

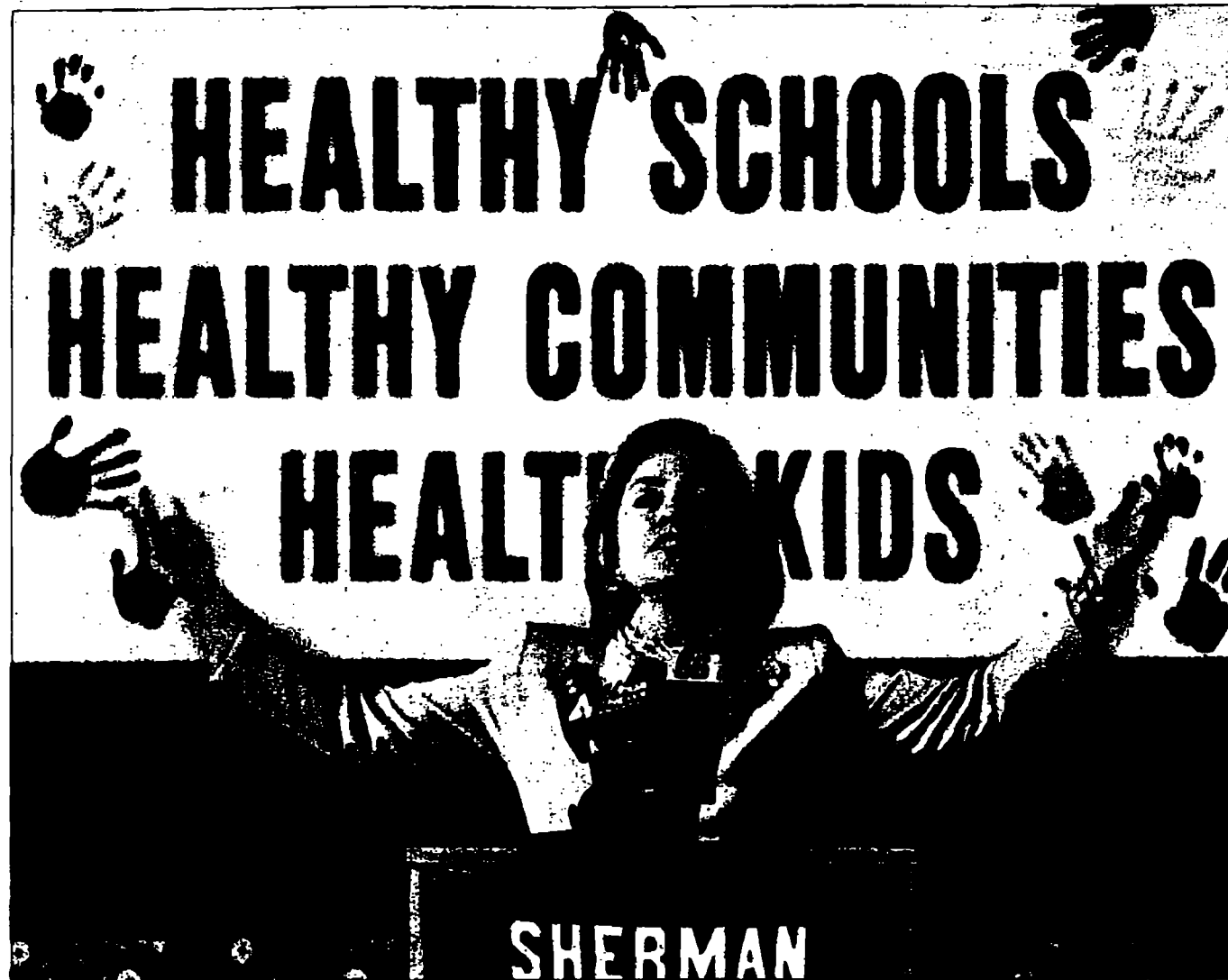
Please RSVP to my Attleboro office at (508) 431-8025.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

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First lady coming to city



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May 8, 1998

Jennifer L. Klein
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The White House
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By fax to: 202.456.2878 ATTENTION: Wendy

Dear Ms. Klein:

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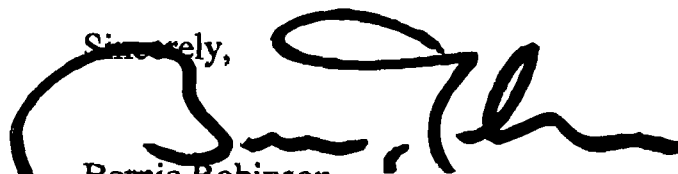
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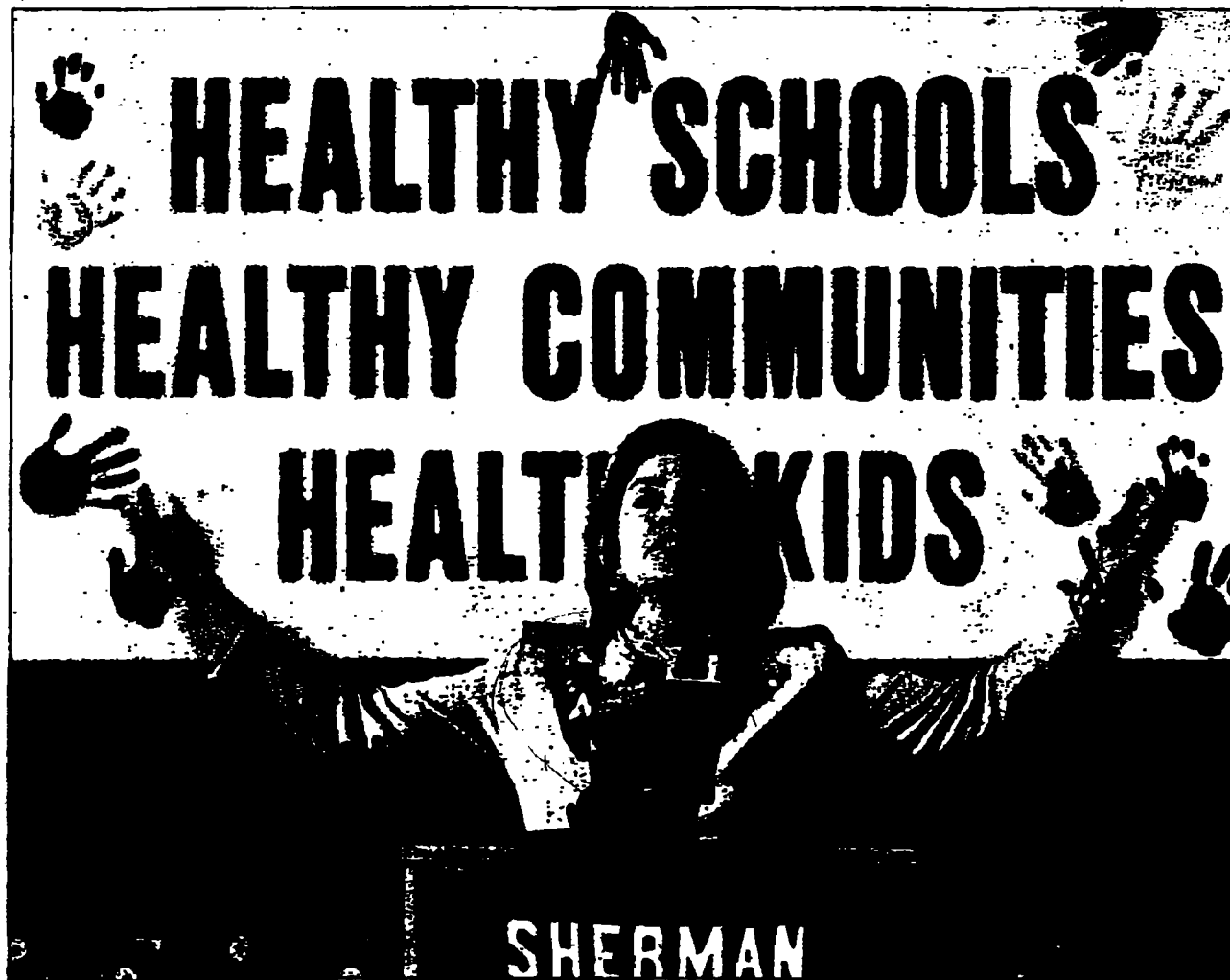


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Why is first lady coming to city? Success story of program

BY JIM MANS
SUN CHRONICLE STAFF

ATTLEBORO — When Project Connect first started its pre-

school program in Attleboro in 1988, it served 60 children with a budget of \$80,000.

When first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visits the program one week from today, she will see

a community effort that serves 520 children and wins grants worth \$839,082.

In fact, Project Connect has become a national model for using public schools, private day-

care, businesses and community groups to help parents with child development and prepare toddlers for school. The Child Care Action Campaign of New York last year called Project Connect

"a striking success in community collaboration."

The program has an advisory board with 100 members.

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Private view only

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Public unlikely to see first lady

ATTLEBORO — Hoping to see first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton when she visits Attleboro a week from today? Don't count on it.

Although details were being kept secret as of today, Clinton's visit will likely be limited to faculty, students and invited guests at the Pine Elementary School.

Lynn Schweinhart, director of the Project Connect program the first lady will be viewing, said Clinton would tour a pre-school class at Pine Elementary School, then visit a play group run by Project Connect.

The tour will then go to the school auditorium, where Clinton and U.S. Rep. James McGovern, who invited her, will speak.

McGovern's office said that because of security reasons, only invited guests will be able to attend. The White House seldom releases information on the whereabouts of members of the first family, also for security reasons. Tentative plans call for Clinton to be at Pine between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

▶ PROGRAM: City is excited

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Project Connect, according to director Lynn Schweinhart, provides pre-school programs for low-income children, subsidizes day care at private facilities, helps day care and pre-schools earn national accreditation, provides training for day-care providers, buys equipment for providers, holds parenting workshops and story hours along with a number of other services.

It was one of the first programs in Massachusetts to start a Parents As Teachers service, which is gaining popularity nationwide.

Parents As Teachers sends teachers into the homes of tod-

dlers to talk to parents about developmental issues and to assess the progress the children are making physically and intellectually.

Attleboro School Superintendent Ted Thibodeau said Project Connect has been responsible for preparing young children for school and improving the quality of day care in the city.

Having the first lady visit will be exciting for the city, he said.

Clinton is coming at the invitation of U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester. He said he wanted Clinton to see all the good work that is being done in Attleboro on early childhood issues.

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JIM HAND

First lady's visit to aid McGovern

First Lady Hillary Clinton's trip to Attleboro will showcase the city's efforts to improve education and day care for preschool children.

But it will be interesting to see if there is not a political benefit to the event as well.

Clinton is coming Thursday at the invitation of U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester, who is about to enter into a re-election fight.

Incumbent legislators are considered most vulnerable after their first term and McGovern is winding up his freshman tour.

Attleboro is a key to McGovern's re-election hopes. In fact, McGovern's opponent, state Sen. Matthew Amorello, calls Attleboro the most important community in the 3rd Congressional District.

A visit from the first lady is bound to give McGovern wide exposure, especially since Hillary Clinton enjoys extremely high approval ratings in Massachusetts polls.

McGovern has used big names to boost his campaigns in the past. He helped get President Bill Clinton to visit Fall River and has brought former presidential candidate George McGovern, former White House top aide George Stephanopoulos and former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley to Attleboro.

Amorello said he expects a "parade" of Washington types to campaign for McGovern between now and the election.

Getting the first lady to visit a relatively small city like Attleboro could also give McGovern the image of someone with good connections in Washington.

Amorello has accused McGovern of lacking clout in Congress.

The visit by Clinton — together with a recent announcement that McGovern got his district more the \$30 million in special transportation projects — could help rebut Amorello's charge.

Still, McGovern could have made Clinton's appearance completely political. Instead he chose to hold an event that put the city in the spotlight.

U.S. Rep. John Tierney, D-Salem, also got Clinton to come to his district Thursday night, but he chose to have her host a fundraiser for his campaign.

Behind the confrontation ...

Former mayor Kai Shang said he confronted McGovern at a city council meeting this week because of concern about cuts in benefits from veterans suffering from the effects of smoking.

But supporters of McGovern see another potential reason for Shang rallying veterans against McGovern. They note Shang was a supporter of the man McGovern defeated in the last election, former U.S. Rep. Peter Blute, and Shang now backs McGovern's new opponent, Amorello.

Donnelly to be making news

Democratic gubernatorial candidate U.S. Rep. Brian Donnelly has been nearly invisible on the campaign trail, leaving his candidacy for governor far behind other contenders.

But, Michael Goldman, Donnelly's recently hired political consultant, said Donnelly is taking a new, aggressive approach to the campaign. He promised Donnelly will be making news and getting out in public more.

The problem is that the campaign is heading into the summer slow season when voters have their minds on weather and vacations, not politics.

Donnelly is already far behind his competition, so it will take a Herculean effort to get back into the race.

Tolman goes the distance

State Sen. Warren Tolman took a unique approach this week to trying get attention for his campaign for lieutenant governor.

Tolman, D-Watertown, campaigned for 24 hours straight, formally announcing his candidacy in 13 cities and towns.

He started in Watertown at 11 p.m. Wednesday and went around the clock with appearances at 1:45, 3, 5 and 6 a.m. in western Massachusetts before heading back east for speeches all day and night before ending up back in Watertown at 11 p.m.

JIM HAND covers politics for The Sun Chronicle. His column appears on Saturdays.

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Is junior crawling when he i be? Is Suzie's tendency to draw out words like "Mommy" into "Mmmmmommy" an indication of a speech defect or just a phase?

For the last several years, Connect has helped parents gain access to experts on these and other child development issues.

So far this year, Connect has sponsored or collaborated on seminars dealing with establishing a bedtime routine for toddlers, how to improve interaction between parents, early literacy, speech and language abnormalities, choosing the right preschool and how to deal with "picky eaters."

Connect also uses more direct methods to help parents address problems and become better care-givers.

Learning habits

The program's "Parents as Teachers" initiative encourages teachers to visit homes and form a strong bond with parents. The objective is to encourage literacy and good learning habits.

Project Connect also uses grants to set up low-cost day care slots for parents whose household budget would otherwise be stretched to the breaking point.

Project Connect and other child-centered programs have created an integrated network of resources for parents and children that is the envy of many communities.

Mark O'Connell, director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, said programs such as Project Connect are rare in providing strong support systems for parents. Much of what Project Connect does is what many school administrators throughout the commonwealth would like to do if they could.

"I think that most educators would agree that the earlier you can get to kids, the better off you are," he said. The problem for most is finding enough money and space for new programs.

More with less

Project Connect, however, has made a habit of doing more with less.

The project started with a budget of \$90,000 10 years ago, and now provides services to 526 children using grants totalling just over \$800,000. Educators from outside the area have been struck by how much the agency actually accomplishes.

One group from New York State publicly hailed the project after a visit to Attleboro last year.

"They told us they knew of nothing that worked like our program," said Shea.

The Child Care Action Campaign of New York labeled the program "a striking success in community collaboration."

Judging by the superlatives lavished on Project Connect from within and without the Attleboro community, the first lady seems likely to be impressed.

RICK FOSTER is a Sun Chronicle News Editor.

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It takes more than a village

When we were young, mommy and daddy told us not to cross in front of cars.

In school, teacher told us that you spell "cat" with a c and not a k.

But when we became parents, no one ever told us how to get Junior to stay in bed or how to find a good day care.

Addressing that need and getting children off to good starts in life is the idea behind Project Connect, the Attleboro program that has prompted first lady Hillary Clinton to visit this week.

Project Connect, a grant-based program whose services range from day care subsidies to advising parents on how to recognize speech defects, has been called a model in the field of early childhood education.

Mrs. Clinton, who has said that it takes a village to raise a child, ought to be hearing some of her own words come back at her next Thursday.

Filling a void

Terrienne Shea, a mother of four and co-chairwoman of the Project Connect advisory board, says the program is filling a void for parents like her who feel a need to interact with experts and other parents on matters of child-rearing.

"When you're a mom and you're at home with the kids, nobody comes to your house and evaluates how you're doing," she says. "You don't have anything to measure yourself by."

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McGovern comes through for city

Attleboro welcomes first lady

U.S. Rep. James McGovern, scored two major coups for Attleboro recently. He got some money for a possible exit ramp to a possible industrial park and — much more interestingly — he got Hillary Clinton to schedule a visit to Hyman Fine Elementary School.

The \$1 million in federal and state money is for a study of a ramp from Interstate 95 to an industrial park proposed near Route 123. That project is years away from completion. The grants are important for the city's future.

More relevant for today is the first lady's impending visit to showcase the good things that are being done to prepare Attleboro children for school.

Where Hillary Clinton goes, the media follows, and Attleboro will be in the spotlight for a short while on Thursday. You can read about her visit in the newspapers and probably see her on TV talking with some Attleboro children. This is the kind of publicity any city would be proud to have.

The first lady is coming to Attle-

boro because of Project Connect, a multi-faceted program that has found a variety of ways to help preschool children and their parents.

A national child-care organization calls Project Connect "a striking success in community collaboration." Many people share in the credit for making the program what it is today.

So-called early childhood issues are a major concern of the first lady and she frequently visits programs such as Attleboro's. Still, Mrs. Clinton wouldn't be coming to Attleboro if not for Congressman McGovern, who shares her interest in family issues.

The first lady's visit was originally planned for last winter but was put off as she prepared to attend a conference in Switzerland.

We congratulate U.S. Rep. McGovern on persuading Mrs. Clinton to put Attleboro on her spring itinerary.

The city welcomes the first lady and the 15 minutes of fame that will result from her visit to Fine Elementary School on Thursday.

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Waiting for Hillary

Jennifer Rogers, 5, says she likes first lady Hillary to a visitor in her class at the Hyman Fine school in Clinton because "she likes children," while talking Atleboro.

HILLARY: Students curious about first lady

Third-grader James Pelletier cautioned, "There should be less pollution because in a couple of years the ozone layer will be gone, and if they could lower pollution by a little bit, that would be good."

He also thought, "If they could have different people in special things that wouldn't take as much gas power, that'd be good."

Feel honored

The third- and fourth-graders overall feel honored to have the first lady visiting their school. In general, they would like to ask her what it's like to live in the White House and be followed by secret service men, what it's like to travel and meet people and what's different about her life now from before she was first lady.

The pre-schoolers are going to some comments and questions of their own for Mrs. Clinton when she visits them. Five-year-old Patricia McKinney wants to know if she can

sleep over and if so, where she will sleep? She would also like to meet Chelsea Clinton, "who's a big kid," McKinney said.

Cole Kleber, 5 1/2, thinks "it's really exciting" that the first lady is coming. "I drove by it before with my mom and dad and grandmother," he said about the White House.

About Buddy

Kimberly Grushinski, 5 1/2, has two questions for the first lady, "What's her dog's name?" and "Did she ever be in a castle?"

Members of Project Connect's Family Network Center based at Park Street will also be at Hyman Fine Thursday to show the first lady how parents and children aged birth to 5, interact based on guidance from the program's parent educators.

"We're thrilled and honored that Congressman McGovern has invited her to see our program and we appreciate her dedication to young children and childcare issues," Project Connect Director Lynn Schweinhaut said of Clinton's visit.

Schweinhaut explained, "Project Connect is a collaboration between public schools, the

private early childhood community and other members of the community that are interested in the welfare of young children.

"Our goal is to provide high quality comprehensive programs and services for young children and their families, regardless of income and other risk factors so that all children can have positive pre-school experiences."

U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester, and Superintendent Ted Thibodeau will also be present for the first lady's visit Thursday, along with Hyman Fine Principal Mary Fishbeck and Family Network Program Coordinator Cynthia Schoch.

LOTTERIES

Friday

MASS DAILY: 7-7-2-4

The payoff based on a \$1 bet: Exact Order, all four, \$4,848; first or last three, \$678; any two, \$68; any one, \$8; any order, all four, \$404; first three, \$226; last three, \$113.

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Kids will ask Hillary the darnedest things

City students thrilled about first lady's visit

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ATTLEBORO — When first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visits one of the nation's model early childhood partnerships Thursday, she may also benefit from advice on economics, pollution and vio-

lence from the third- and fourth-graders at Hyman Fine School's Project Connect.

"I think that she could work on helping homeless people or lowering prices so that people could buy what they need," fourth-grader Jill Fontaine recommended.

"Her and Bill can lower prices on clothes and food so people who don't have as much money can afford it and they can be happy in their lives," fourth-grader Tyler Hathaway advised.

"Too much violence"

"There's too much violence in the world and I think they should do something about that in the U.S., and that way

no one gets hurt," fourth-grader Heather Brown suggested.

"I'd like to see children not bring guns to school anymore because I've been hearing about it on the news," said third-grader Connor Bradbury.

He said it would be good if they could work on that.

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