# Gannett Foundation aids area groups

The Yonkers Hudson River Museum and Cluster Inc., a program that helps Yonkers students with learning disabilities. have been awarded grants by the Frank E. Gannett Newspaper Foundation

The grants were among 52 totaling \$258,055 awarded in 19 communities with Gannett newspapers.

The Gannett Foundation was established by the late founder of the Cannett Group of Newspapers but is independent of Gannett Co., Inc. It contributes locally to civic, charitable, cultural, educational and health causes in communities served by the 78 Gannett daily newspapers and nationally to journalism education and professionalism. Grants Authorized to date this year by the Gannett Foundation total \$1,635,029.

These new local grants, all in cash, were announced for communities served by the Westchester Rockland Newspapers:

-CLESTER, Inc., \$5,000 to help buy a van for the LIFT Program of a Yonkersbased organization helping children with learning disabilities.

-Council for the Arts in Westchester: \$15,000 for an Arts Fund distributed to cultural organizations throughout the county. -Day Care and Child Development Council of Rockland County: \$6,000 for the

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the city during his employment at the

plant. George Jacob, Public Works admin-

istrator, concurred. LaSota only recalled

one incident of complaint against his work

which was caused by careless instruc-

LaSota, who formerly worked at the Bo-

tanical Gardens, Harding Laboratory in

the Bronx, says on April 16 his immediate

superior, Jerome J. Parker, provisional

water chemist and bacteriologist, told him

he would be terminated April 26. Parker

gave him a letter he had written terminat-

ing his services, which LaSota says is not

has told me why," said LaSota who says

Public Works Commissioner Ernest Green.

called to the plant on Tuesday, "refused to

He would not tell me why and no one

WORKER

tions to me."

proper notification.

Spring Valley-based council to help support operations of four Rockland County day care centers

-Hudson River Museum: \$1,000 capitalendowment support for the Yonkers muse-

-B'Nai B'rith: \$3,500 to be shared equally with Children's Adoption Services of Westchester and the Iona College Development Fund to assist a new women's professional golf tournament in May, with proceeds benefiting the same agencies.

-Graham-Windham: \$3,000 to help a New York City-based organization replace 75-year-old cottages at a Hastings-on-Hudson facility serving neglected, abandoned or abused children.

-Union Child Day are: \$2,500 to help buy a bus for 250 young children in the White Plains center's Head Start day care

- International Foundation for Children's hearing, Education and Research (C.H.E.A.R.): \$1,000 to help buy audiometric equipment for testing sponsored by the Yonkers-based organization at the Speech and Hearing Center of Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry.

-Friends of the Mount Kisco Public Library: \$1,000 toward the \$30,000 cost of furnishings in the library's new wing.

tell me why I was being let go." Green and

Water Supt. James A. Neary refused to

went to work and says he had been direct-

ed to sit in the office by his immediate su-

perior. Tuesday police were summoned

Service test for my job title and only three

passed," said LaSota who claims Thomas

Tipa, appointed provisionally to that job in

man and knows how to run that plant bet-

ter than anyone else there," said LaSota.

Tipa has not been terminated and Chris-

tiansen says the city will ask the Civil

Service Commission to extend his provi-

"I was one of 15 persons taking the Civil

"Tipa is a good worker, he's a good

when he arrived at work.

1977, failed the examination.

sional appointment.

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### **Obituaries**

Gene Florcyk

Gene Florcyk, 49, a Yonkers native and former minor eague pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, died Saturday in London, Canada, after a long illness,

Mr. Florcyk was a reporter with the London Free Press, a daily newspaper in the town of London, for the last 14 years

He was born and raised in Yonkers and had been living in St. Thomas, near London. He was in the Marines and Army reserves for three years.

Mr. Florcyk from 1955 to 1961, was a pitcher for the St. Thomas Elgins of the Senior Inter-County League, an amateur team.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Florcyk; a daughter, Patty, and a son, Danny, all of St. Thomas.

#### Nichola Paparella

Nichola Paparella, 79, of Dobbs Ferry died Tuesday at Dobbs Ferry Hospital after a short illness.

Born on Nov. 30, 1899, in Bari, Italy, he came to the United States in 1919 and settled in Dobbs Ferry in 1921. He was a self employed contractor and owner of his own company, Paparella Construction Co. He retired in

He was a member of Sons of Italy and of Local 55 of the Laborer's International Union and was a parishioner

of Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Dobbs Ferry. He is survived by his wife, the former Catherine Ricciardi; on edaughter, Annette of Manhattan; two sons. Angelo of Yonkers and Chris of Hastings-on-Hudson, and three grandchildren.

## Prosecution begins bomb case testimony

By PHIL WAGA

Staff Writer In its opening salvo against two Jewish militants accused of terrorist firebombings, the prosecution produced witnesses Tuesday who placed the defendants near the scene of one incident and revealed discrepancies in their past statements.

Nearly a dozen prosecution witnesses testified Tuesday in the federal trial of Victor Vancier, 22, and Bruce Berger, 30, at the U.S. District Court in lower Manhattan.

The two New York City residents and former Jewish Defense League members are accused of committing, attempting or planning four firebombings of Ethiopian and Egyptian property in Westchester and New York City. They are also suspect in nearly another 10 bombings in the county and city.

New Rochelle Police Sgt. Dennis Padrucco testified Tuesday that he stopped a car with Vancier and Berger in it about a mile away from the New Rochelle home of an Ethiopian United Nations official whose home had been set afire a few moments earlier on Oct. 25. Padrucco said he asked the suspects what they were doing in the area and they replied they had just dropped off two young women. But Padrucco said they could not give names or address.

Vancier and Berger are accused of setting fire to the New Rochelle home because they allegedly thought the occupant was an Egyptian.

Padrucco also testified that he asked Vancier and Berger if they belonged to any Jewish organizations and they said they did not. Vancier founded and is executive director of the New Jewish Defense League and Berger is second-in-com-

mand of the group. Richard Ziegler, the pros-

ecutor, charged that Vancier and Berger would go to commit the firebombings in rented cars with Berger driving. The only problem, Ziegler said, was that neither had what is often required to rent a car - a credit card. To support his contention, Ziegler prod-uced Edward Jacobs, a 32year-old friend of the suspects, who testified that Berger called him on Oct. 24 and asked him to rent a car with his credit card. Jacobs said he helped Berger rent a car at Olin's Rent-A-Car on University Place in Manhattan and then Berger drove him home. The car, Jacobs said, was returned the next morning, which was also after the New Rochelle fire.

Kimon Stefanidis, a supervisor at Olins, said he rented a car to Berger and a friend on Dec. 10, about a day and a balf before Berger and Vancier, allegedly, attempted to set fire to the Brooklyn home of an Egyptian United Nations offi-

Olins takes photographs of his customers and a photo of Berger was produced. Also testifying Tuesday was William John, a New York City police officer who said he was assigned to watch Vancier's Utopia Parkway home in Queens last Dec. 12. He said he saw two men who looked like Vancier and Berger ride up to the house about 5:30 a.m. on Dec. 12, about 90 minutes after the attempt on the Egyptian's Brooklyn home, At about 6 a.m. the figure which looked like Berger left Vancier's house, John said.

John also matched the license plate of the car he said he saw with the one Stefanidis said he rented to Berger.

The trial continues today.

BLADES, Mary thee Celeral on April 28, 1979. Reposing at the HARRI-SON FUNERAL HOME, Haisted Aye Harrison, Visiting hours Manday 57 p.m. and Tues, from 24 and 79 p.m. Services will be held at 5ts Johns & Paul Church, Weaver 51 Larchmont, Wed. Morning Interment Beachwoods Cemetery, New Rocholie.

BREITINGER, August of Carmel,
N Y on April 30th, 1979. Age 81 yrs
Beloved husband of Lena Inee
Sindel) Breitinger, Dear father of
August Breitinger, Mrs. Margaret
Russelmann, Mrs. Withelmina Peferton, Grandfather of 5 Funeral
Service Thursday 10 a m at the
CARGAIN-BARBER FUNERAL
HOME, 10 Fowler Ave, Carmel,
N Y Cremation at Cedar Hill Crematory, Newburgh, N Y Reposing
at the Cargain-Barber Funeral
Home Wednesday 35 and 7-9 p.m.

CARPENTER, Gladys M, on April 79, 1979. Beloved wife of the late George, Loving Mother of Shirley D e v.i.n.e., Marilyn Johnson and George Jr. Funeral Services 11 am Thurs May 3 at O NEILL FUNERAL HOME OF MAMARONECK INC 422 Boston Post Rd, Mam k, Where family will receive friends Wed 24 and 7-9 pm.

CHAGARES, John of New Rochelle, on April 29, 1929. Funeral Services Thurs I pm at Goo. T. Davis Inc. 14 LeCount Place, New Rochelle. In-terment private.

COLLINS, Arlene H. Formerly Cox
Beloved wide of Dr. Charles Collins.
Loving mother of Steve Cox and
Kathleen Raneri. Dear Sister of
George, Carl, and Paul Lindgren.
Cherished grandmother of Michael
and Kristin Raneri and Sean and
Lisa Cox. Reposing at the McMAHON, LYON & HARTNETT FUNERAL HOME. 491 Mamaroneck
Ave, White Plains. Mass of Christian
Burral Friday 10 am at Our Lady
Of Sorrows Church, Interment Gate
Of Heaven Cemetery, Visiting Wed
& Thurs, 2-4 and 7-9.

DEFALCO AI of Mamaroneck on April 30, 1979. Brother of Virginia Matthews. Mary Bova. Aurora Reed. Lydia Gray. Lawrence and Elmiro DeFalco. Funeral Services 9:30 am Thurs May 3 at O'NEILL FUNERAL HOME OF MAMARONECK INC 422 East Boston Post Rd. Mam'k. Where family will receive triends Wed 24 and 7-9 pm.

DeMILIO, Nicholas Jeseph on May 1, 1979 of Beacon, NY, Son of Sara, Husband of Beatrice Line Caniff), Father of Beatrice Conklin, and Sara Gilleo. Brother of Pete, and Anthony DeMilio, Frances Fatone, Jenny Carathanasis, and Lillian Laviano. Also survived by 5 grand-children, The family will be present at the MCELROY FUNERAL HOME, Elmstord, NY between the hours of 7 to 9 pm today, 2-4 and 7-9 pm Thursday and Friday, Mass of Christian Burial 10 am. Saturday, In Ileu of Howers donations to the American Cancer Society.

DIMARTINO, Henry on May 1, 1979.
Survived by several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial, Thursday, 9:30, A.M., Mt. Carmel Church, Interment Holy Sepulchre Carmetery. Reposing at The YAN-NANTUONO FUNERAL HOME, INC. Hours 2:5 & 7:9 P.M.

GREY, Arnold W. - Husband of Lealie lather of William and Lisa, brother of Macilyn. Services. GARLICK FUNERAL HOME. 1091 Yonkers Avenue boday 11 a.m. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Open Door or The Children's Center of Ossining.

HAYDEN, Mary (nee Ballas) Beloved wife of the late William Hayden, Dear sister of Michael Ballas, and the late John, Paul, George, 
Frank and Andrew Ballas, Susan 
Gilford and Anne Anderson, Funeral from the DUCHYNSKI-CHERKO 
FUNERAL HOME INC., 111 Yonkers Ave, on Friday, May 4 at 9 am, 
Mass of Christian Burial in \$1, Casimir's Church, Nepperhan Ave, at 
9:30 am, Interment \$1, Joseph Cemetery, Visiting hours, Thursday 7-4 
and 7-9 pm

JOHNSON, Marien, Lee on May I, 1979 at Rye, N.Y. Daughter of the late Nelson H. and Clara Lee Johnson. Also survived by a nephew and a cousin. Service at the Miriam Osborne Memorial Home Chapel. Rive. N.Y. On Thursday May Ird. at 2 30p m. Interment Forest Date Cemeter y. Malden, Massachusettes. Arrangements. by WALTER C. COXE.CO. INC. FUNERAL HOME, Harrison, N.Y.

**Death Notices** 

JONES, Elizabeth of 4 Union Place, Tuckahoe, NY on April 20, 1979. Belioved mother of Ruth Parker. Funeral services Thursday 8 PM at the Seventh Day Advential Church, South Columbus Ave., MI Vernon Reposing I foday) Wednesday 7-9 pm, and Thursday 2-5 pm at PRIMM FUNERAL HOME, 102 MI, Vernon Ave., MI, Vernon Interment Long Island National Cemetery.

LANE, Alma B. on April 30, 1979.
Cousin of Raiph L. MacDonald Sr.
Reposing Wednesday, 7:4 and 7:9
pm at BALLARD-DURAND FUNERAL HOME INC. 7 Maple Ave.,
White Plains, NY; where service
will be held. Thursday I pm. Interment Kensico Cemetery.

MARCHI, John Peter on May 1, 1979 of Lake Carmel, N.Y. Age 71. Believe ved husband of Mary (new Cuneo). Dear father of Virginia Belimio and John Jr. Dear brother of Lillian Masini. Fond grandfather of five. Visiting at ADAMS-CORDO-VANO FUNERAL HOME INC. 15 Church St. Carmel, N.Y. (off Rie. 6: Wednesday & Thursday 24 and 179 pm. Funeral Mass Friday 10 am at 51. James the Apostie R.C. Church, Carmel, N.Y. Inferment Raymond Hills Cemstery, Carmel, N.Y. In lieu of flowers contributions to the American Cancer Society, Putnam County Chapter and the Lake Carmel Ambulance Corps would be apperciated by the family.

MULLER Herman on April 29, 1979.
Beloved husband of Adelaide, Devoted lather of John Muller. Loving brother of Toni Muller. Reposing at the MCMAHON LYON & HART-NETT FUNERAL HOME 91 Mararoneck Ave., White Plains, where services will be held Thursday 10:30 am. Emtombment Ferncill Mausoleum. Visiting hours Tuesday and Wednesday 7:4 and 7:4 pm.

PAPARELLA, Nicola of Dobbs Ferry on May 1, 1979. Beloved husband of Catherine. Father of Angelo, Chris and Annette. Also survived by three grandchildren. Funeral Mass Fri-day 10 am. Our Ledy of Pompel Church. Interment Ferncliff Ceme-tery. Friends may call at the ED-WARDS FUNERAL HOME Dobbs tery. Friends may call at the ED-WARDS FUNERAL HOME, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. on Wednesday and Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 pm.

PLUNKETT, Edward J. (Ret. PLUNKETT, E 6 war q J. (Ret. N. Y. C.P. D.) of Yonkers, suddenly on Sun April 79, 1979. Beloved husband of Stella T. Strakowski Plunketh, Father of Arlene Fenzel and N ancy Plunketh. Reposing at FLYNN MEMORIAL HOME INC 375 So Broadway Yonkers. Fungral Moss St. Anthony's Church, Nepera Park Thurs 10 am, Visiting Tues & Wed 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Wed 2-4 and 7-9 pm.

PYNE, Timothy on May 1, 1979. Dear husband of Mary Ann. Father of Margaret, Kathleen Nugent and John. The family will receive friends at the OELKER & COX FUNERAL HOME, Main St. Mount Kisco Wednesday and Thursday 2-and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass St. Francis Church, Friday 10 a.m. Interment St. Francis Cemeter y. In lieu of Howers Memorial gifts to the Mount Kisco Boy's Club would be appreciated.

POVEROMO, Vite A. on April 30, 1979. Beloved husband of Edith (Skorubski). Devoted father of Thomas and Richard. Dear brother of Angelina Rowe. Also survived by

of Angelina Rowe. Also survived by three grandchildren. Reposing at the DAVID J. HODDER & SON INC FUNERAL HOME, 899 McLean Ave tnear Kimball Avel, Yonkers, Mass of Christian Burial. St John the Baptist Church, Yonkers. Thurs-day, IJam. Interment Fernclift. Vis-iting hours, 2-4 and 2-10 pm.

## Motor vehicle aide admits larceny guilt

The second of two West- charge in White Plains City chester Auto Bureau em-Court after admitting he ployees charged with pockstole \$2,600 by manipulating eting car registration fees the records in the computer pleaded guilty Tuesday to a reduced charge of petty lar-

Joseph Teta, 26, of 30 Beacon Hill Drive, Dobbs Ferry, pleaded guilty to the

## Street beat

Injured

Yonkers Police Officer Robert Dee was in fair condition Tuesday at St. John's Riverside Hospital recovering from a leg injury suffered Monday in a traffic

Dee, a motorcycle officer, was driving in the left lane on Saw Mill River Road near Rossiter Avenue at 12:20 p.m. when an auto slammed into the motorcycle, knocking it against a telephone pole. He suffered a severe gash in his left leg. but no other injury.

No charges were filed against the motorist.

#### banks of the state Department of Motor Vehicles. District Attorney Carl Vergari said Teta and an-

other Auto Bureau employ-Richard Buoniconti, used the computer to wipe out registrations after the fees had already been collected. This allowed them to pocket the money instead of turning it over to the state. The scheme was discov-

ered when a new state computer turned up evidence of the record tampering.

Buoniconti, 46, of 479 S. Fulton Ave., Mount Vernon, also pleaded guilty to petty larceny on April 18. He admitted stealing \$1,700 in registration fees.

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QUENCER, Kammeth C. age 77 of Delray Beach. File. formerly of Bronzville, N.Y. on May 1, 1979 in Florida. Graduate Dartmouth college
1923, Columbia Law School, 1926
Founding member Law Firm, Commethe-Quencer-Annuntiato. Member of Siwanoy Country Club, Country Club of Florida, Little Club and
Ocean Club, Reformed Church
Bronzville, N.Y., Masonic Lodge,
No. 2 FSAM, NYC. Survived by
wife Jeannette (nee Clark), Daughter, Mrs. Emil R. Annuntiato
Jeannette and two granddaughiers, Memorial services will be held
Thusday, May 10 at 4 P.M. at The
Reformed Church, Bronzville, N.Y.
Memorials may be made to The Reformed Church, Bronzville, N.Y.
Arrangements, by Scobe-Ereland
Potter Funeral Home, 320 Northteast 5th Ave., Derray, Florida.

RANDALL, Withom H. On May I.
1979 of 1430 Midland Ave. Yonkers
N.Y. Beloved lather of Mrs. Berbero Cantinieri, Henry, William
and Walter Randall. Also survived
by three grandchildren. Service al
Jenks Funeral Home. 23 E. Ind St.
Mr. Varnon, Thursday at 1:30 p.m.
Interment Kensico Cemetery, Visiting hours 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.
Wodnesday.

ROBINSON, Murbal of New Rochelle on May 1, 1979. Beloved sister of Mrs. Blanche Geanetta and Frank S. Robinson. Service at GEO. T DAVID INC. 14 LeCount PI., New Rochelle 10 am Friday. Visiting hours 7-9 Wednesday, 7-4 and 7-9 Thursday.

RUTLAND, John on May 1st, 1979.
Be I ove d husband of Katherine
(LaBrasciano) Rutland, Devoted
fether of Mrs. Ronard (Marie) Marzola, Mrs. Frank (Flora) Grasso
and Mrs. Joseph (Jeannette) Groglio, Funeral Mass Friday 10 a.m. 51.
Gregory's Church, Interment 51
Mary's Cemetery, Reposing HARRISON FUNERAL HOME, Harrison, N.Y. Wednesday and Thursday
2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Please omit
flowers.

SMITH, Marquerite Rhedes of York-ers, N.Y. on April 29, 1979. Beloved wife of Donald W. Smith. Mother of James Arthur and Robert Wallace. Daughter of Mrs. Lou Clark Rhodes and the late Robert Clinton Rhodes. Sister of Mrs. Ivan L. Bennett. Rob-ert Clark Rhodes & James Scott Rhodes. Also survived by three eri Clark Rhodes & James Scott Rhodes. Also survived by three grandchildren. Service at HAVEY MALONEY HOMES FOR FUNER-ALS, INC. 732 Yonkers Ave. Yonkers on Wednesday, May 2 at 2 P. M. Interment Kensico Cemelery. Visiting 2-4 and 7-9 P.M. Donations to The Auxiliary of the Hudson River Museum or The Yonker's Historical Society would be appreciated.

THOMAS, Harrietta C. at Port Chester, N.Y. April 30, 1979. WHe of John C. Thomas & Mother of John C. Thomas & Mother of John C. Thomas Jr. Reposing at "CRAFT MEMORIAL HOME" Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Services at 5t. Peters Episcopal Church, Thursday 11 a.m. Interment Wöodland Cemetery, NYC in lieu of flowers donations to the Church Memorial Fund or the Port Chester YMCA would be appreciated.

WALKER, William of 125 South 11th Ave... Mt. Vernon on April 30, 1979. Funeral Services Friday 10 am. at the PRIMM FUNERAL HOME CHAPTELS, 102 Mt. Vernon Ave... Mt. Vernon, Reposing Thursday 2:3 and 6-9 pm. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery.

YORK, Anthony J. Suddenly on Sun April 29, 1979. Beloved husband of Barbara McCue York, Son of Benjamin York and the late Agenes Viasasty York, Father of Anthony J. Jr. Colleen Ann, and Dariene Mark York, Brother of Robert and John York, Reposing at the FLYNN MEMORIAL HOME INC. 325 So. Broadway Yonkers Fungral Mass. Thurs 10 am St. Peter's Church, Visiling Tues & Wed 2-4 and 7-9 pm.

YORK, Anthony Jr.
Lud-Date Association members will
assemble at Clubrooms at 8 pm.
Wednesday and proceed in a body
to Flynn Memorital Home to pay respects to their fellow member Anthony York Jr.
President, Bob Anton
Secretary, John McNutty

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DEAN, Marie Q.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received from our kind triends and neighbors during our recent bereavement in theioss of our Beloved Wife, Mother & Grandmother.

The Dean Family

McNAIR, May ALICE—We wish to thank our friends, neighbors and relatives for the many acts of kind-ness extended to us during the loss of our loved one. The McNair and Jones Family

SCHWEIZER, Agnes
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Robert Schweizer, Gus Andres

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And memories we miss
And memories we treasure
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# CHAMBER

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A review of the canceled checks and receipts included in the report shows that: A new corporation was formed to handle the new

- Checks were signed by Simone and Cronin, only one Chamber official, and some by Simone only. - Funds were used to pay debts including nearly

\$2,000 to the Internal Revenue Service for taxes; Several unexplained checks were listed to both Cronin and Simone. For instance, on Nov. 24, 1978, three days after the

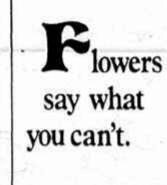
chamber had voted in special session to receive the grant for Yonkers Playhouse, a \$2,500 check and voucher were issued to Cronin. A handwritten note on the check said "wanted to control money, \$2,500 redeposited for taxes." However, a certified check voucher to the Internal Revenue Service dated Nov. 27, 1978, shows that only \$1,995.36 went to taxes. Cronin could not be reached Monday for comment.

Simone agreed to change the name of his company legally to the Yonkers Community Playhouse in mid-November saying that the new company would not be liable for debts incurred by the old company.

The report said that a committee was formed to oversee the operation of the Playhouse and all expenses had to be approved before any checks were written. In its report on expenditures for the \$50,000 earmarked for Chamber business. Cronin said that only

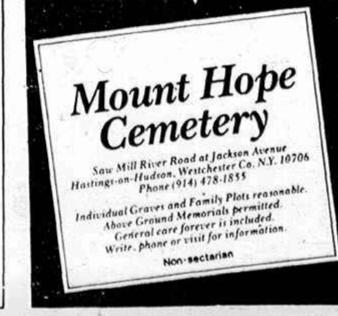
\$8,466.58 had been spent at the end of the First quarter

which ended on Feb. 28. In a new budget approved by the Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 24, the Chamber has proposed spending. \$1,200 for operational communications; \$24,700 in salaries: \$6,376 on fringe benefits: \$9,480 on office supplies: \$3,173 on office equipment; and \$5,071 of expenses and in-



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