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# **Conservative groups raising** millions to spend on elections

VASHINGTON — Aggressive conservative organizations that it even exist a few years ago are acing established groups like r and business in raising millions pend on this year's congressional

showed that four of the top five biggest money-raising political ac-tion committees in the first six with the far right. The fifth one was the American in the list.

released today by the Medical Society, which does not Federal Election Commission identify with any political movement Reagan's Citizens for the Republic but has a long history of supporting conservative causes and candidates. The AFL-CIO, traditionally one of months of this year were identified the leading spenders in political races, ranked no better than eighth

(\$2.1 million); the National Conservative Political Action Committee (\$2 million); the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress (\$1.5 million); the American Medical Political Action Committee (\$1.4

million), and Gun Owners of America (\$1.2 million). The AFL-CIO raised \$735,000 and the United Auto Workers was the only other union in the top 10, finishing tenth with \$700,000.

The leaders in order were Ronald



CROSSHAVEN, Ireland Carl Jackson has triumphed wer the Atlantic, matching every allor's dream with a two-month lo ocean crossing in a small sailoat, and he says it was a

eastly" experience he'll never y again The exhausted, 55-year-old avigator steered into Crosshaen harbor Wednesday morning, mpleting the voyage that began uly 8 in Marblehead, Mass. oard his 30-foot ketch Carla

The worst part of the time

alone at sea, the Indiana Univer-sity dean said after he toasted his success with a sip of brandy, was the solitude.

"I found the loneliness of the second month almost excruciat-ing," Jackson said. "I always thought of myself as self-sufficient, but I found life without people had no meaning. I had a definite need for somebody to talk to, someone real and alive

and breathing." Most of the last month of his trip was spent in calm air that barely nudged the Carla Mia toward Europe

Jackson said he was happy to have been able to complete the 51-day crossing - taking into account time spent in port in Nova Scotia for repairs - and that while he loves sailing he would never undertake a similar venture alone again.

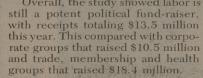
The sturdy sailor, who lost 40 pounds during the trip, hove to near Crosshaven, at the mouth of Cork Bay on Ireland's southwest coast, late Tuesday night. A storm was brewing, and although he had already weathered eight gales at sea he decided to head in.

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(reg. \$1.10 ea.)

not identified with a political philosophy. They are the National Association of Realtors political-action committee, in sixth place with \$1,194,216; the National Au-tomobile Dealers Association election-action committee, seventh with \$1,096,415; and the Associated Milk Producers Committee for Thorough Agricultural Political Education, ninth with \$715,089. Overall, the study showed labor is

The other three in the top 10 are



The Republican Party was far more adept at raising money than the Democrats. The GOP brought in a total of \$63.9 million - \$27 million of it to the Republican National Committee — while the Democrats could raise only \$14.4 million, \$8.7 million of it to the national commit-





## **Consolidated likely to appeal tax** assessment; excess of \$6 million

other districts, we won't know what son said.

feel the legislature will very proba- the total impact will be

"It's quite possible that it (the re-valuation) will have no effect or that

we'll be in a better position," Hop- dictated by state law. This year, local

son said. "Until we know the rela-tionship between our district and the dated's \$5 million-plus budget, Hop-

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may appeal. he officials feel that the School Assessment Practices Board alued some categories of prop-"We intend to study those care and at this time will quite likely superintendent Fred A. n said.

st year the district's property valued at \$265 million.

t of the \$180 million increase from intangibles, such as bank ts, stocks and bonds. These never been included in school deulations before.

state will use the property in a formula to determine how of the school district's budget st be paid by local taxes and how ch by state funds. Generally, the evaluable a district's property is,

e more it must pay. But because all Texas school disicts have undergone similiar proprevaluations, many observers

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