

Professor: Reagan 'unbeatable' if election occurred next month

If the presidential election was next month, President Reagan would be "unbeatable," said John Hibbing, UNL assistant professor of political science.

"I don't think Reagan did this on purpose," Hibbing said, "but letting employment go to the dogs and working on inflation works well in terms of election results."

Hibbing was unsure what effect recent events in Lebanon and Grenada would have on next year's elections.

"It's too early to say," he said. "Traditionally, there has been a lot of uproar when things like this occur and then it dies down. Americans have been pretty fickle as far as foreign policy is concerned."

Hibbing said he thinks the key factor in the 1980 election was the economy, rather than the Iranian hostage crisis.

"A lot of people have said that the reason there were so many undecided voters until election day was because the voters were waiting to see if the hostages would be released," he said. "I think they just hadn't decided because the election wasn't

here. The economy was a much bigger issue than the hostages."

Hibbing has been conducting research covering every Congressional race since World War II. His research compares the economic situation in the country at the time to the results of Congressional races.

He said voters tend to blame incumbent members of the party in power, rather than all members of the party.

"Only those who've been in office a long time are held culpable," he said. "The message here is: in a bad year, go after the hot shots. Go after the races that seem unwinnable, because those are the ones who are going to be blamed for a bad economy, and the voters will want somebody in to change their situation."

The voters' perception of the economy, rather than the economy itself, often guides their decision, Hibbing said.

"If the recovery looks like it is losing steam and the economy falls back, the Republicans could be in real trouble," he said.

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Death toll in Lebanon continues to rise

Another U.S. Marine injured in the Beirut bomb attack on U.S. and French peacekeeping forces died in a West German hospital Tuesday, an Army spokesman said. By Tuesday night, the U.S. death toll had risen to 208 and the total number of dead, including French servicemen, stood at 243. About 20 Americans were still missing. Another 35 Marines are being treated in U.S. military hospitals in West Germany. Four of them were said to be in very serious condition.

In Naples, Italy, 10 of the 12 U.S. Marines flown to Italy for treatment after the bombing will be able to leave the hospital at Agnano U.S. Navy Command today, the hospital commander said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, in Beirut, the commander of the U.S. Marines, Tuesday rejected suggestions that security measures were inadequate at the Beirut Marine base.

"If you have a determined individual who is willing to give up his life in a situation like this, the chances are he's going to get through and do it," Gen. Paul Kelley said.

In Washington, the State Department announced that Secretary of State George Shultz will fly to Paris late today for talks with the foreign ministers of France, Italy and Britain, America's partners in the multinational force in Lebanon.

Schultz and President Reagan made clear Monday that the administration is determined not to allow the attack to drive the U.S. Marines out of Beirut.

Pravda blames U.S. policy

MOSCOW — The Communist daily Pravda on Tuesday blamed U.S. policy for the bomb attacks in Lebanon and warned Washington to resist further involvement. In the first substantial Soviet comment on Sunday's explosions, the newspaper said the attack was a direct result of Washington's "adventurism" in sending in troops when events did not follow the American scenario.

Judge favors asbestos fund

NEW YORK — A Federal District Court judge Tuesday proposed that the Manville Corp. set up a fund that for the next 20 years would pay off the claims of people harmed by contact with the company's asbestos products. Judge David Edelstein also proposed that the asbestos claimants agree to have their claims decided by an arbitration panel or by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Manville has asked for protection from its creditors under federal bankruptcy laws. It says it faced up to \$4.9 billion in lawsuit claims filed by victims of asbestos-related cancer and other diseases. The company has \$2.2 billion in assets.

Strangler 'wanted to help'

LONDON — A former policeman who has admitted strangling 15 young men and then chopping, burning and boiling the remains said in court Tuesday that his actions may have been "the perverted overkill" of his desire to help people. Dennis Nilsen's written analysis of his own behavior was read at his trial on charges of murdering six victims so far identified. Nilsen, 37, has confessed he strangled his victims with neckties during drinking bouts and then butchered, burned and boiled the bodies. But he denies murder and admits only the lesser charge of manslaughter on grounds of diminished responsibility.

Chemical bombings alleged

TEHRAN, Iran — The national news agency IRNA said Tuesday that Iraq dropped "chemical bombs" on an Iranian village, killing 13 people and injuring 40. Ten of the victims were blinded, the agency said. The bombs were dropped Monday on the village of Syyedlu, close to the area of the latest Iranian offensive in the Persian Gulf war, IRNA said.

OCTOBER 28

NEBRASKA EAST UNION

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is a time for having fun and being with friends. A full night of entertainment has been planned, so enjoy!

TICKETS

Admission to events will be tickets purchased at the Ticket Booth at both entrances of the union. The green tickets may be purchased at 25 cents a piece and food can be bought with the green tickets. The red tickets may be purchased at \$2.00 a piece and "Raiders of the Lost Ark," The Al James Show, or Main Street can be attended with one of these tickets. Or an individual may purchase a blue ticket at \$5 a piece and he or she can attend all three of the main acts with this blue ticket.

CONTESTS

Chess Challenge will be in the North 40 Lounge from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Western Swing Contest will be held in the North 40 Lounge from 11-11:30 p.m. Winners will receive free entrance to the dance.

Entrants for the Pie Eating, Jello-O Eating and Air Guitar can sign up at the booth in the Loft Lounge on the third floor. Winners will receive T-shirts.

HAY RACK RIDE

The Pre-Vet Club is sponsoring a Hayrack Ride during the evening. The ride costs three green tickets and starts at the Livestock Judging Pavilion.

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- *Chess Challenge Contest 1 Green ticket
- Chess Club
- *Gymnastics Demonstration FREE
- Nebraska School of Gymnastics
- *Dave Landis Showcase FREE
- Guitar & Vocal
- *"Holy Moses" FREE
- *Corrine Brown FREE
- Guitar & Vocal
- 8:00 *Pie Eating Contest 1 Green ticket
- *Tex Nord FREE
- Rope Twirling Demonstration
- 8:30 *Randy Esterling FREE
- *Tunsmith FREE
- One Hour
- *Tri-Delta FREE
- Washboard Band
- 9:00 *Jello-Eating Contest 1 Green ticket
- *Pumpkin Carving Contest 2 Green tickets
- 2:30 *Al James 1 Red ticket
- Hypnotist
- *True Grit FREE
- Featuring John Wayne & Glenn Campbell
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- Featuring Tom Munch & John Ficke
- 10:00 *Air Guitar Contest 1 Green ticket
- *Hog Calling Contest 1 Green ticket
- 10:30 *Paul Phillips FREE
- Guitar & Vocal
- *Magical Bowman FREE
- Magic & Comedy
- *Simon Says Contest FREE
- *"Raiders of the Lost Ark" 1 Red ticket
- 11:00 *Main Street—Dance 1 Red ticket
- Lincoln's finest
- *Western Swing Contest 1 Green ticket
- 11:30 *Thank God It's Friday FREE
- Featuring Debra Winger