



## Other Viewpoints

# Depleted reserves pinch state budget

— *The Wichita Eagle*, via *The Associated Press*

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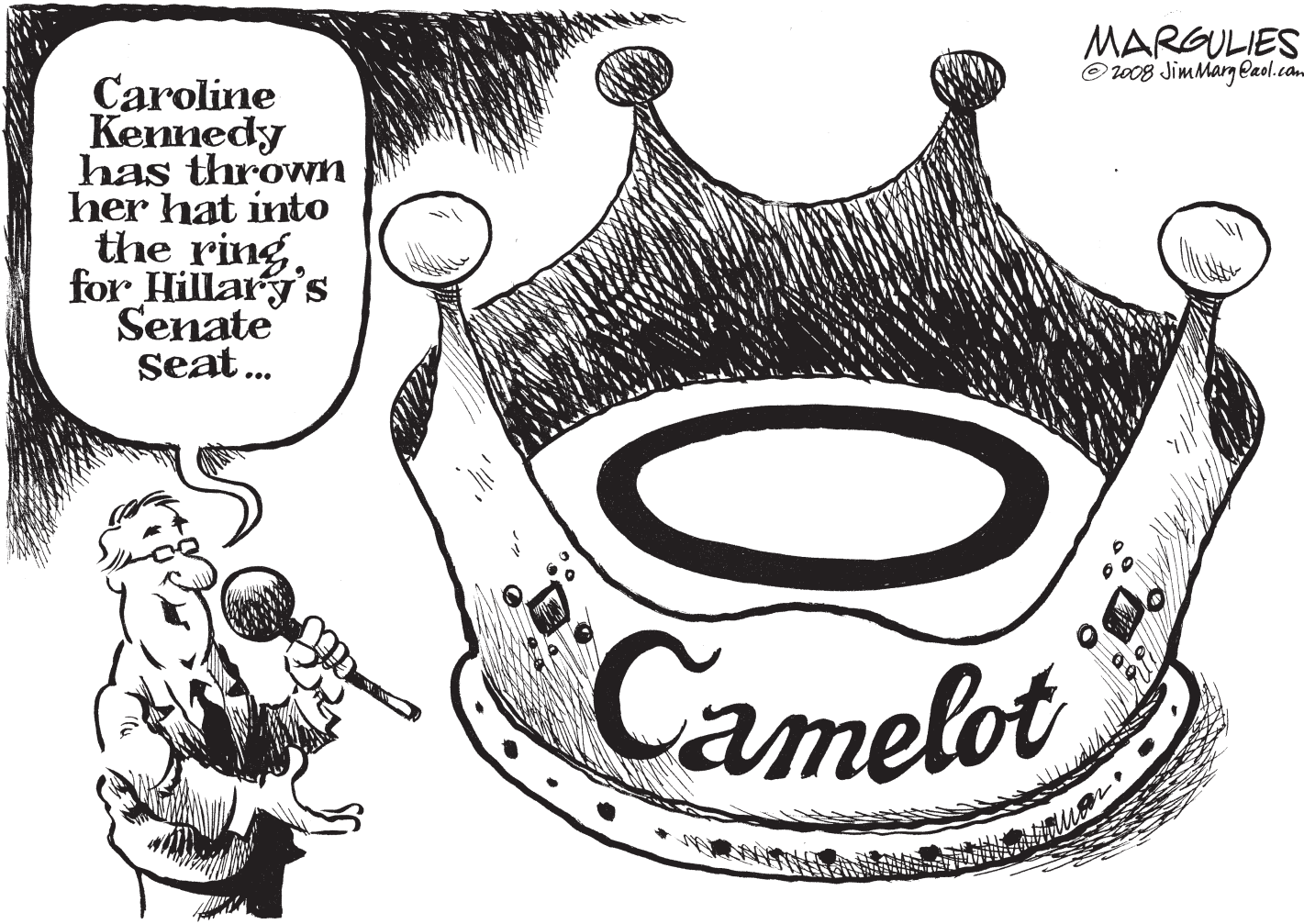
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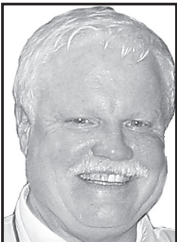
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# New staff is renewing the *Free Press*

John Dehn, our New Media director, has experience as a circulation director. He's stepped



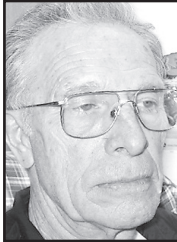
## Steve Haynes

- Letter From the Publisher

We have started to expand our business coverage as time and space permit. We hope to have a regular column of business shorts — promotions, new product lines, other changes on the street — and to feature stories on all

# Public policy can't stop acting in faith

ing our judgment of those around us? Even



## Ken Poland

- Ken's World

And why must we shout MERRY CHRISTMAS? A quiet visit to a shut-in or a basket of food to a destitute family will say Merry Christmas in a meaningful way. Even the large lump of coal that would have filled the heating

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- Bruce Tinsley

