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Kentucky native **Johnny Depp** is starring in a new movie, *The Tourist*, with **Angelina Jolie**. Depp talked with **USA Today** about where he considers home: "I live wherever the location for the film demands. We spend time in Los Angeles when we can, and as much time in France as much as possible, where we have a place down in the south ... In the last year, I've spent time in L.A., Venice, a couple months in Hawaii, some time in Puerto Rico, four months in London," he says with a laugh. "It's been a real nomadic ride this year."

The **Wall Street Journal** reports on some fiscal conservatives that have fears about Kentucky Rep. **Hal Rogers'** appointment to chair the House Appropriations Committee. Based on Rogers' reputation for sending taxpayers' money to his home state, Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a group opposing earmarks and subsidies, told the **Wall Street Journal**, "We'll find out if he can change his spots or not," said. Rogers says that he supports the earmark ban. "Practically all members of Congress over the years, at one time or another, have asked for specific funding for specific problems in their district, me included," he said. "However, in this era we're living in now, with a true fiscal crisis, we all have to turn our attention to the nation's needs and forgo earmarks." **Stateline.org** reports on how cutting earmarks will affect the states. Kentucky is not among the top ten states. Mississippi is the state that could lose the most. The state currently pulls in 11 times as much in earmarked funds as it sends back to Washington in taxes, according to an **analysis** from Brandon Arnold, director of government relations at the Cato Institute, a libertarian group.

Kentucky Senator **Mitch McConnell** has named a new chief of staff, Josh Holmes, reports **Business First of Louisville**. Holmes, who is replacing Billy Piper, has worked for McConnell since 2007. He also worked on Kentucky Sen.-elect Rand Paul's 2010 election and McConnell's 2008 re-election campaign.

Bowling Green band **Cage the Elephant** has released a new album, "Thank You, Happy Birthday," reports **Billboard.com**. Lead singer Matthew Shultz told **Billboard** that the band has been getting in "big trouble" for playing music from their new album, ""We'd start out playing one or two new songs, then gradually add more and more," lead singer Matthew Shultz says. "Then we'd get a call from our management, telling us to stop playing the new material. We'd cut back, and then start adding more and more songs back in. At one point, we played a whole set of new music, and got in big trouble for that."

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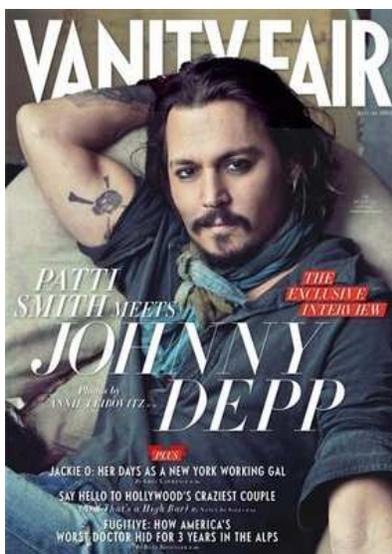


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