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PHOTO CAPTION: Josh Hartnett (Upcoming
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HOLLYWOOD — **Michael Douglas** and **Oliver Stone** joined forces again for the upcoming drama film "White Lies." Douglas, 81, and **Ellen Barkin**, 72, will be supporting **Josh Hartnett**, 47, whose character is the film's main focal point. Filming wrapped in June.

Stone won Best Director Oscars for "Platoon" (1986) and "Born on the Fourth of July" (1990), while Douglas won his second Best Actor Oscar for "Wall Street." "Wall Street" earned \$44 million against a \$16.5 million cost, while "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" (2010) only made \$135 million after a \$70 million cost.

Hugh Jackman hits screens as the elderly robber/baron of Sherwood Forest in "The Death of Robin Hood" (co-starring **Jodie Comer** and **Bill Skarsgard**), in which the former "Wolverine," 57, takes on Robin Hood's midlife crisis.

Jackman then immediately jumped into playing Long John Silver in **Ridley Scott's** upcoming reimagining of "Treasure Island." The book "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson has sold more than tens of millions of copies since it was first published in 1883. In 1934, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) made a film version with **Wallace Beery** and **Jackie Cooper**.

In 1950, Disney produced an exciting version with **Robert Newton** and **Bobby Driscoll**, and in 1972, **Orson Welles** played Long John Silver. In 1990, a TV adaption starred **Charlton Heston**, **Christian Bale** and **Oliver Reed**. Since then, at least 50 film and TV versions have been produced.

My obsession with the 1950 Disney film must have been the reason why I eventually joined the navy!

There's an apparent fascination with the 11 days when **Agatha Christie** disappeared in 1926 without a trace. In 1979, **Vanessa Redgrave** starred in "Agatha" with **Dustin Hoffman**, and in 2018, we saw "Agatha and the Truth of Murder." Now **Ryan McParland** ("The Gentlemen") will star with



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Felicity Jones and **Ben Hardy** in "Eleven Missing Days."

Christie's most successful play, "The Mousetrap," which opened on Nov. 25, 1952, has a unique contract clause specifying that a movie can't be produced until the stage production closes for at least six months. The never-ending London production of "The Mousetrap" has been running in the West End for over 73 years without signs of closing!

Zoey Deutch, 31, and **Miles Gutierrez-Riley**, 27, star in "Gail Daughtry and the Celebrity Sex Pass," which opens on July 10. It's about a couple who grants each other a sex pass, and in time, they meet female celebrities like **Jennifer Aniston**, 57, **Elizabeth Banks**, 52, and **Elizabeth Perkins**, 65, for him. They also meet male celebrities like **Jon Hamm**, 55, **Henry Winkler**, 80, "Weird Al" **Yankovic**, 66, and **Paul Rudd**, 57, for her. You'd think that a young couple would want sex passes with celebrities who are a lot less geriatric!

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