

Ready for a storm of Westerns?

No doubt Dallas literary agent **Jim Donovan** is looking at *True Grit*'s box-office receipts with a smile. In the leaping lemming world of Hollywood, if a movie does well, every studio in town wants one just like it.

These days, Jim is cornering the market for tales of the Wild West, both as an agent and as a writer. Jim penned a book on Custer and Little Bighorn, and he's working on a new one about the Alamo.

For his clients, he's recently sold books on Billy the Kid, Jesse James, the gunfight at the OK Corral and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

"The History Channel has just optioned the Billy the Kid book for a scripted miniseries," he says.

Irvin celebration

Happy birthday to Mrs. Playmaker **Sandy Irvin**. Hall of Fame receiver and retired *Dancing With the Stars* hooper **Michael Irvin** was spotted taking his wife of 20 years out for a birthday meal last weekend at Del Frisco's steakhouse.

Two by Two trio

Cindy and Howard Rachofsky, hosts for the annual Two by Two for AIDS and Art have announced the chairs and the honored artist for the 13th annual event, scheduled for October 2011. For the first time, there will be a trio of co-chairs. They are **Joyce Goss**, art patron and executive director, the



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Goss-Michael Foundation; **Gary Tigges**, Dallas resident, longtime AmFAR supporter and art patron; and Plano native **John Benjamin Hickey**, the actor currently on Showtime's *The Big C*. (A few years ago, he escorted the late Natasha Richardson to Two by Two.)

So long, Cliff Lee

We have a **Cliff Lee** sighting — sort of. The former Texas Ranger turned up this week at the Flying Fish restaurant owned by Dallas restaurateur **Shannon Wynne**. Alas, it was at the Flying Fish in Little Rock, Ark.

"If he had known that we were building a Flying Fish in Arlington, I'm sure he would have signed with the Rangers," Shannon says.

The Cy Young Award-winning pitcher was accompanied by his wife, **Kristen**, their 7-year-old daughter, **Maci**, and their 9-year-old son, **Jaxon**, who is in remission after being diagnosed with leukemia at age 4 months.

Alan's Last Word

"The thing that impresses me about North America is the way parents obey their children." The Duke of Windsor