

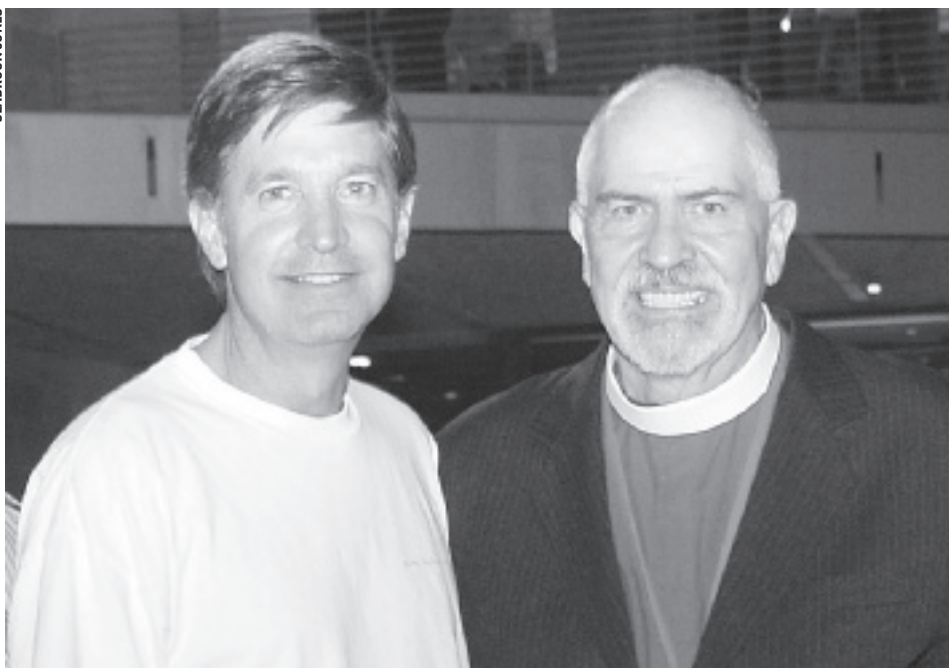
AFTER A FASHION

BY STEPHEN MACMILLAN MOSER

ALLEY-CATting We visited **Vicci** on Colorado last Friday for a very fun little fashion show put on by **Pineapple Culture Inc.** (www.pineappleculture.org) as a benefit for **Garza High School's Garza's Gardens** program – great clothes from **Upstairs, Betsey Johnson, Estilo**, and others, a cool cause, and a fun afterparty downstairs. As we tried to exit afterward, a grunting, sneering goon at the front door says, "This is not an exit." Perplexed and pointing at the exit sign in front of us, we said, "But ..." "It'll take you 30 seconds to walk across the club and out that back door." "You're right," we said to ourselves. "It'll take us 30 seconds to walk out that door and never return." The clincher is Vicci's red carpet "exit" – a lush, crimson trail leading into the alley where the stench of urine and vomit envelopes you like a fine cashmere coat. So elegant you could die... Fortunately we were able to drown our sorrows at **aGLIFF's** fab opening party at City Hall. The festival has a terrific lineup again, and the outdoor plaza was packed with well-wishers listening to speeches by **Mayor Will Wynn** and the legendary **Rev. Troy Perry**, about whom the documentary **Call Me Troy**, which premiered last Friday, was made.



▲ Deborah Harry wearing Austin jewelry designer Kevin Heady's custom-designed bezel-set ruby "Y" necklace with black spinel in 14-karat yellow gold (www.kevenheady.com)



Mayor Will Wynn and the Rev. Troy Perry, whose revolutionary 1972 book, *The Lord Is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay*, has made him an icon, pose together on the dais at the opening party for the Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival. A documentary on Perry premiered earlier in the evening.

Your Style Avatar sucks up to *Project Runway's* Chloe Dao at Hospice Austin's fabulously successful Beauty of Life benefit, which featured fashions by Ms. Dao, along with Neiman Marcus, By George, Estilo, the Garden Room, and others. Dao showed her current collection, discussed her inspiration for it, and took questions from the audience.



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