

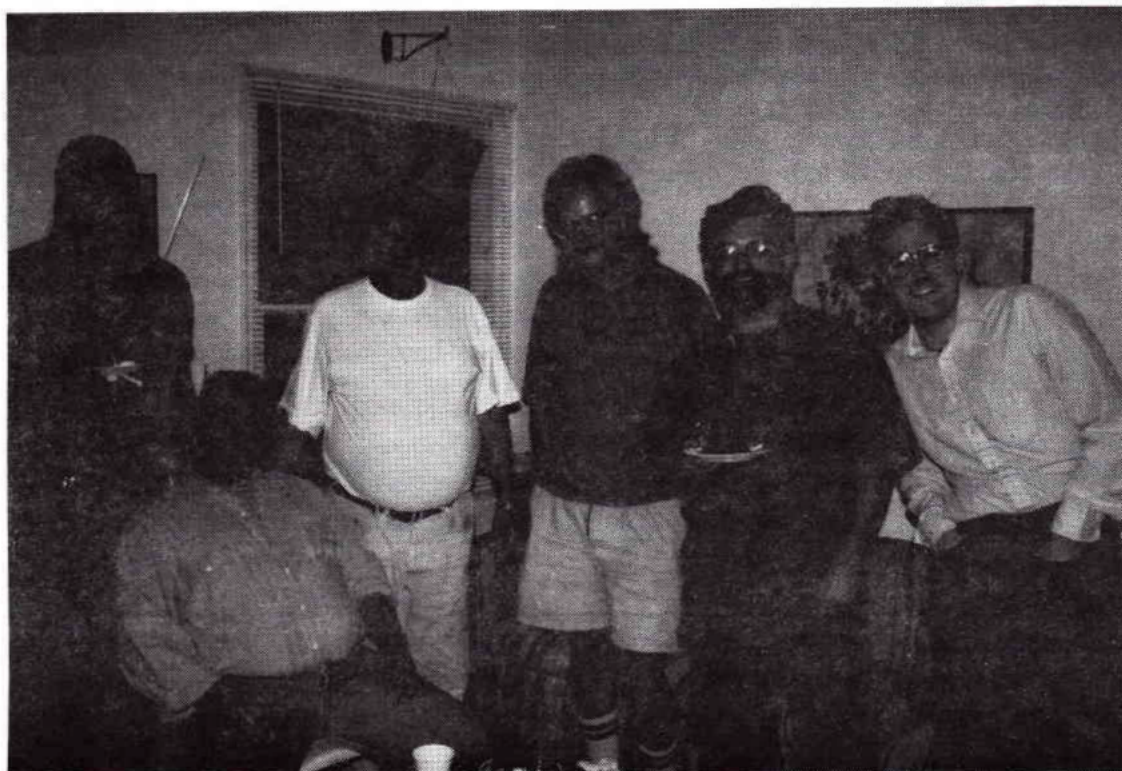
THE LATEST GAINERS AND ENCOURAGERS PARTY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Gainers and encouragers got together at Bob's house on November 21 for a pre-holiday potluck. Those of you who missed this party will have to content yourselves with these great photos, taken by our own "Herbed Ritz," one of the best chroniclers of gay (and fat!) life here in San Francisco. Those of you who still don't believe that everything is better when it sits on a Ritz just haven't met him yet.

Lynn was one of our members that helped make this issue of *Encouragement* so attractive. His photography skills, combined with Ben's publishing artistry, let us enjoy sharp, clear reproductions of shots of our fellow members sharing special times. Anyone who has ever tried to take a clear photo and reproduce it knows how brilliant these guys are!

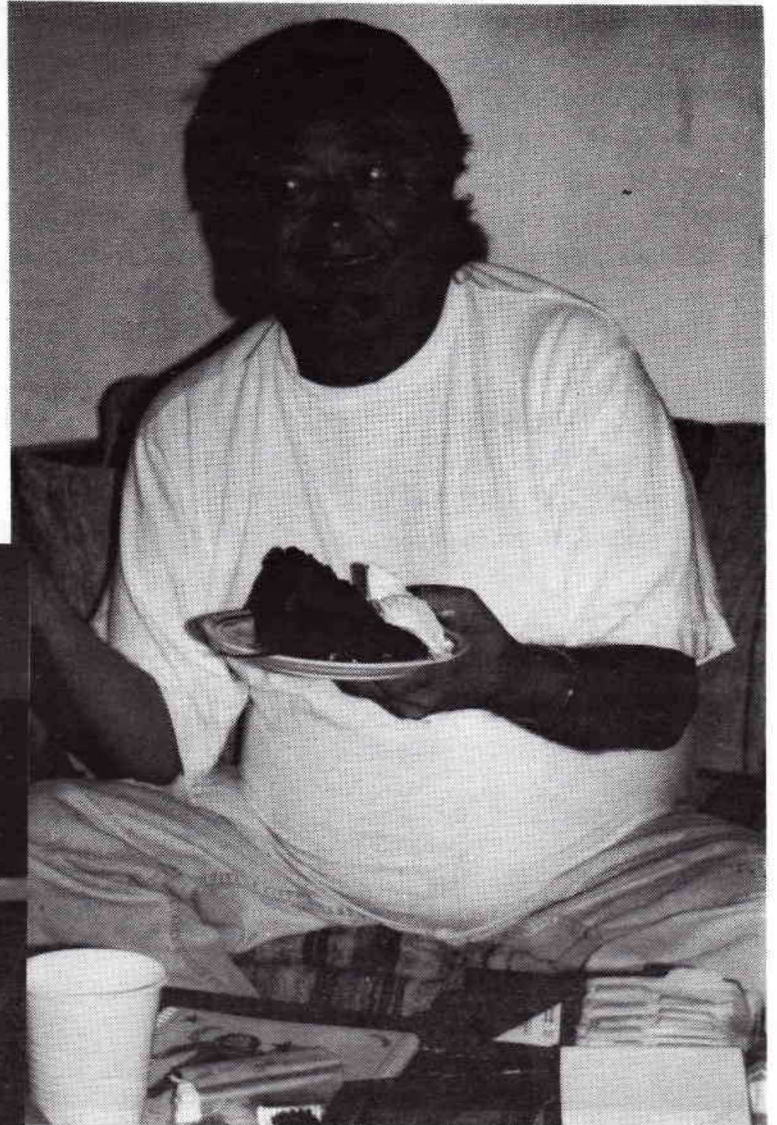
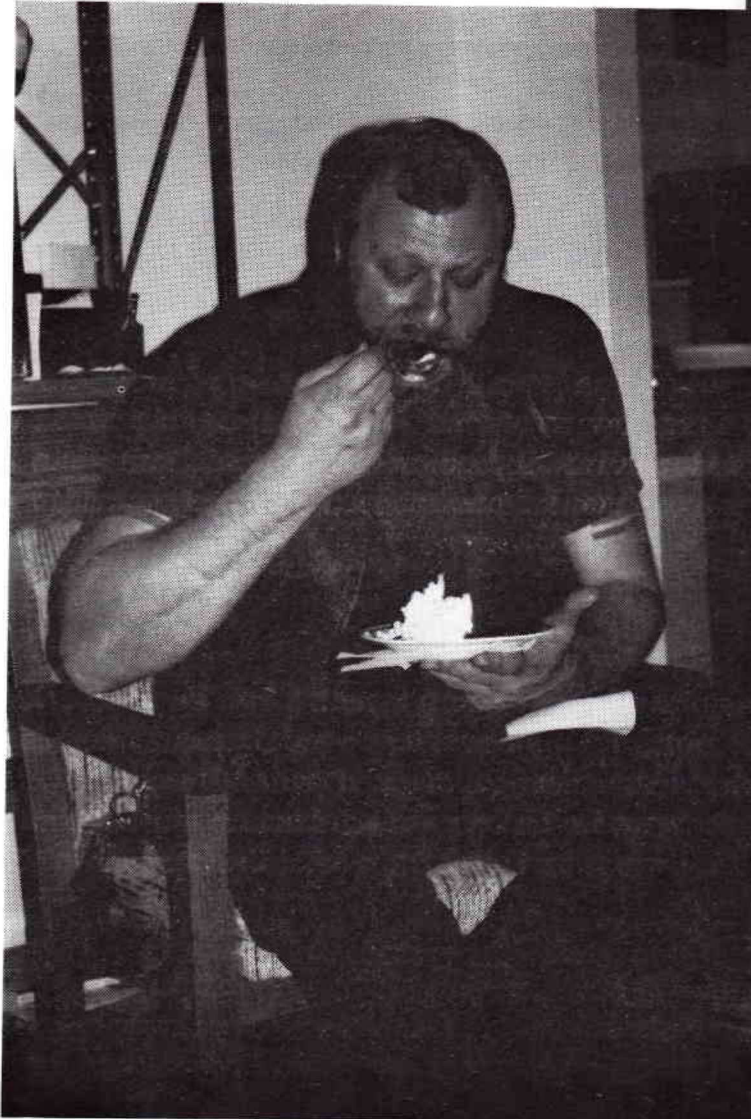
Speaking of publishing artistry, putting together this newsletter is sometimes a team effort, and Ben always gets items of interest from all of us, but this issue of *Encouragement* is a little special, because it is truly a bicoastal edition. Members from both coasts worked together to bring you all new stories, art, photographs, and features of interest to weight gainers and encouragers. Talented and giving people are essential to the creative process, and we are fortunate to count among our members some terrific guys that work together to create things just for guys like us. Those of us on the West Coast are glad that we could help Ben Stone produce this special issue of *Encouragement*. It's a "weigh" for us to thank him for bringing this unique forum to life, issue after issue. Thanks, Ben!

Enjoy the photos of the party, and as always, if you want an invitation to our next gathering, call Randy at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We encourage you to come! □



PARTY PIX

"Of all the members of the French aristocracy, I always thought Marie Antoinette was the most sensible, don't you agree?"

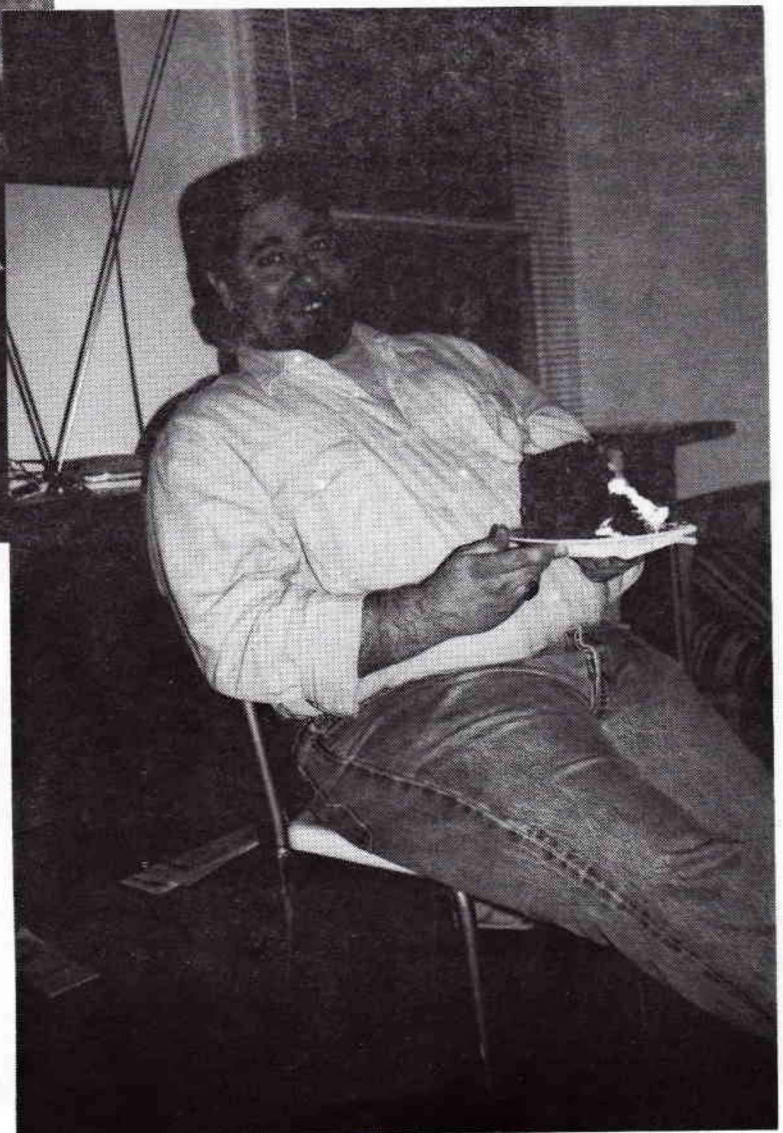


*"Marie, who?" munchmunch
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MORE PARTY PIX



"If he doesn't take the &#@%! picture soon my ice cream's gonna make my cake all soggy."*



"I can so have my cake and it eat, too. Hey, where'd my feet go?"