

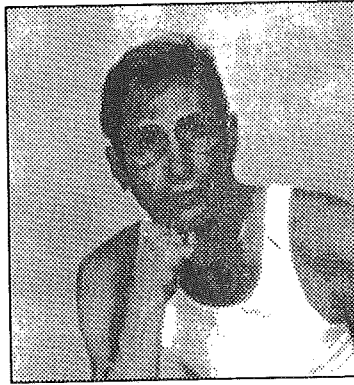
OBITUARY

Robert Anthony Walter

Robert Anthony Walter, 43, of Sicklerville, N.J., died Feb. 14 of complications due to AIDS.

Walter was an HIV/AIDS activist and educator in the greater Philadelphia region. He served as vice president of HIV/AIDS Education Inc. for one year before moving to Boca Raton, Fla. He also headed the entertainment committee for the Delaware Valley Pride during that group's 1993 and 1994 seasons.

Walter is survived by his lover of four years, Scott Friedman; his mother, three



brothers and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Thrift for AIDS, 629 South St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19147. ▼

Group wants tests covered

By Timothy Cwiek
PGN Contributing Writer

AIDS activists want protease inhibitors and HIV viral load tests covered by state medical assistance and private insurers.

Many of the 100 people attending a Philadelphia FIGHT forum on viral load tests last week said the tests would help them determine whether to begin or change therapies.

They also said protease inhibitors are promising anti-HIV drugs that could prolong lives.

"Protease inhibitors been proven in large studies to prolong and improve the quality of PWAs lives, and it's just disgusting that Gov. Ridge is playing budget games with people's

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