

Bat example

by Cigana Raven

OK folks, the summer movie season is over, so by now damn near all of us have seen the blockbuster film *Batman*. I'm not here to commend its cinematography, or comment on the lack of depth of plot, etcetera, but I have one major problem with this film that I haven't heard anyone else complaining about. Bruce Wayne is the good guy; Batman is a superhero; role models for the rest of society, right? And Vicky Vale is a babe with half a brain. Yet they sleep together on the first date, and no one is calling Bruce/Batman a womanizer or Vicky a slut.



If I were to sleep with Batman, or even a non-superhero for that matter; on the first date I would get called a slut, women do — it's that old double standard raising its archaic head again. So why am I the only one upset about *Batman* setting a bad example, and Vicky being exempt from slutdom? Just who does Batman think he is?



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by Barbara Leiterman

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Have AIDS — will not travel

There is a new minority growing in North America and everywhere: HIV-positive persons and people suffering from AIDS or ARC (AIDS-related complex). Despite efforts to educate the public on how not to get AIDS, little is being done to educate the public on how to treat people with AIDS. Those people who are already suffering are being unfairly discriminated against due to this ignorance.

A study released Monday by the BC Civil Liberties Association states that people with AIDS and those who are HIV infected are being seriously discriminated against, and are being "denied access to jobs, housing, health care and public services, despite the fact that there is no medical justification.

But it doesn't end there. New legislation in the US states that people who are HIV infected, or suffering from AIDS or ARC may not legally cross the border. In Nova Scotia if you are found to have AIDS, your doctor is obliged to report your name to the Department of Health. More and more countries around the globe now require you to have an AIDS test when applying for an entrance visa. Assuming your visa request is denied if the test is

positive, this means people with AIDS cannot leave Canada, or it will very soon reach that point.

If you were told tomorrow that you had about five years to live, what is the first thing you would want to do? Many people would answer that question "I'd want to travel." If you have AIDS you are no longer allowed that privilege.

During World War Two, Jews were forced to wear stars so they could be identified. We now

believe the treatment of Jews during the war was inhumane. But what are we doing today; is it humane to treat people with a fatal illness differently than others? Maybe it would be better to tattoo AIDS patients just as concentration camp refugees were tattooed. At least then they could travel freely, a privilege which should be everybody's right.

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Science Section

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Question 1

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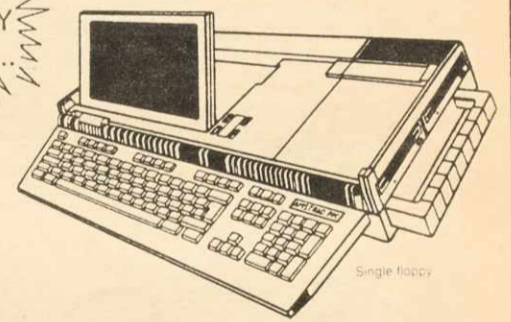
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