

# Batman

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how truly devious Carrey can play the bad guy.

He also does some VERY impressive work with his cane, which Carrey supposedly took home from the set every night to practice to perfection. His work shows through beautifully.

Another prize goes to Michael Gough, making his return as Alfred, Bruce Wayne's butler, confidant, and so on. Not only does he help around the house and Batcave, he makes both Wayne and Grayson realize what needs to be done. You

can't help but like him because he's just so cool.

The film has several breathtaking action sequences, and they start right at the beginning with Two-Face and Batman.

(By the way, since when did Batman's outfit have nipples and wobbly ears? Just curious.)

"Batman Forever" has plenty of amusing moments too, with special attention paid to the mentioning of the home of the Man of Steel and to the "Holy (whatever)!" phrases made popular by the 1960's "Batman" television series.

# Cable TV finds more to offer viewers

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There's something new on the tube these days.

Operating out of the KPTM Fox 42 studios, Channel 15 KXVO Omaha went on the air 8:30 a.m., June 10th, with the program "If These Walls Could Speak," a university production of the history of Omaha.

KXVO is broadcast from KPTM's tallest tower in Gretna and is affiliated with the Warner Bros. and Paramount companies. This free, over-the-air station offers 20 hours, 6 a.m. to 2 a.m., of programming daily.

Howard Shrier, executive vice president and general manager for KPTM, said KXVO offered a full range of strong programming.

KXVO's programming list includes animation in the morning and afternoon, dramas, sitcoms, an abundance of movies and a great deal of first-run shows, Shrier said.

For the science-fiction fan, KXVO offers Star Trek the Next Generation, Babylon 5 and Deep Space Nine.

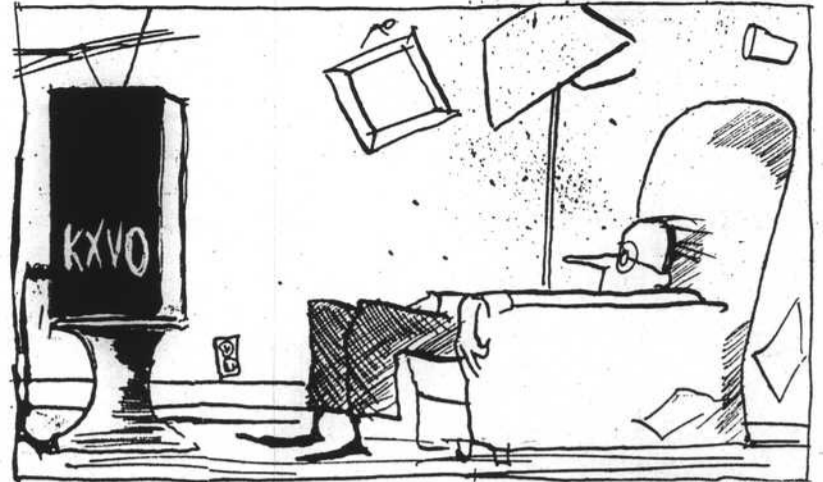
Other features include highway patrol shows such as "Cops," "National Geographic Explorer," "MASH," Rush Limbaugh and a variety of talk blocks.

Shrier said there were no news programs as of yet on the station, but that KPTM's news segment would probably expand to one hour in September.

"There's a wealth of available programming not yet on the air before," Shrier said.

Shrier said KXVO would air 24 hours a day starting this fall.

Rick Kiolbasa, divisional manager of public affairs for Cablevision, said KXVO's programming list consisted of quality syndicated programs simi-



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lar to those found on KPTM Fox 42, WTBS and WGN.

KXVO has received a tremendous amount of strong, positive response, Shrier said, including a letter of appreciation from Don Gill, director of development of Nebraskans for public television, and \$5,000 in donations.

Cablevision has made other changes toward viewer enjoyment, Kiolbasa said.

New features include the addition of Channel 43, the history channel, which airs documentaries and movies on historical events, people and places and Channel 42, a food network.

The food network features shows such as Mrs. Field's "I Love Chocolate" for both instructional and entertainment purposes.

Kiolbasa said both the history and food channels had received positive public response.

Cablevision dropped its nostalgia channel, which aired classic movies, due to a lack of positive response, Kiolbasa said.

He said the travel channel was also deleted to make room for the other changes, but Cablevision would like to bring it back by the end of the year.

"We've tried to make all the changes at one time so people aren't confused," Kiolbasa said.

Cablevision will add Channel 51, a movie service, on July 1st. Channel 51 will air movies four to five years old, Kiolbasa said, similar to those found on USA and HBO.

Kiolbasa said the changes had been made to simply offer better programming.

"The goal is to provide the best programming at the best price," he said.

Part of that price includes a small increase of \$1.77 in fees for Cablevision subscribers, effective July 1st.

"Our customers will certainly benefit from better quality programming," Kiolbasa said, "which will increase customer loyalty and gain new customers."

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