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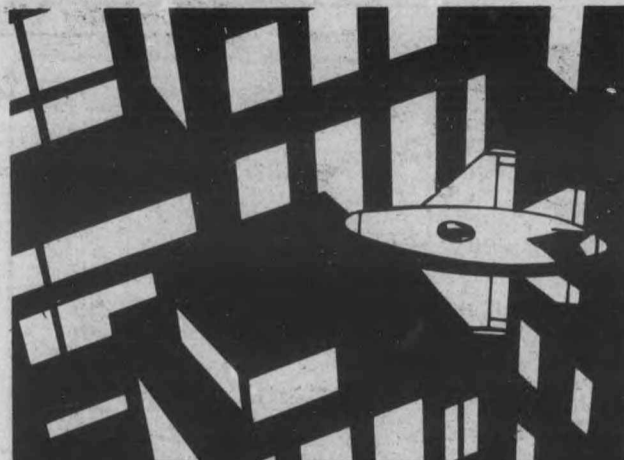
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Your Uncle Stevie has masterfully succeeded in getting me to do a page on the Top 10 Comic Events of the 80's. I thought it was to be a small article, but found out 3 hours ago that it's a full page! Sorry if the stuff looks a bit rushed. Now, on to the Top 10.



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STRIP SPECIAL

• Calvin & Hobbes isn't really a comic, it's a daily comic strip. Dennis the Menace with a weird streak. You may have seen it reviewed in Strip before. Absolutely side-splitting.



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Although not one of my top ten picks, Mr. X is still keen.
- Cal Rifkin



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Top Ten Comic Events of the 80's

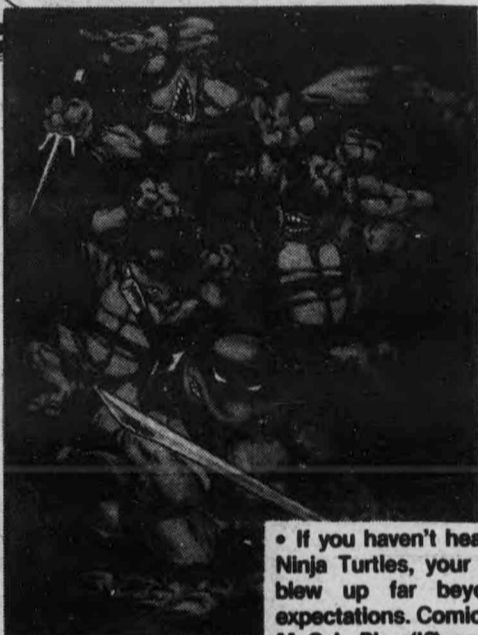
• **Batmania** - of course this was one of the biggies. It's the dark dudes 50th anniversary, and he celebrated in style. The movie and the anniversary have sparked a huge increase in Batman stuff. A bit has increased interest in comics as a whole. Wait till Bats 2 - Cher as the Catwoman?



• **The British are coming!** The British invasion of comics has been well underway throughout the 80's. Such notables as Alan Moore, responsible for such masterpieces as *Watchmen* (above), *V For Vendetta*, *Swamp Thing* and many other, lead the invasion quickly followed by a slew of talented writers and artists like Neil Gaiman (Sandman, Black Orchid), Grant Morrison (Arkham Asylum, Animal Man), Dave McKean (Black Orchid, Arkham Asylum), Jamie Delano (Hellblazer, Capt. Britain), Alan Davis (Excalibur), Brian Bolland (Killing Joke), Dave Gibbons (*Watchmen*, *World's Finest*).



THE JAPANESE INVASION CONTINUES WITH PRINCESS NAUSICAA AND TETO THE SQUIRREL-FOX
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• If you haven't heard of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, your dead. A comic farce that blew up far beyond even their creators expectations. Comics, cartoons, games, cereal, McCain Pizza(!?), and a live-action movie slated for next spring! *Bat-who?*



• **Groo the Wanderer** is a gem. Completely insane. Satire, humour, and great vaudeville every month from Sergio Aragones. You've seen Sergio's stuff for years in the margins of *Mad Magazine*. Groo is even funnier. Get bent! Get Groo!



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JUSTICE LEAGUE



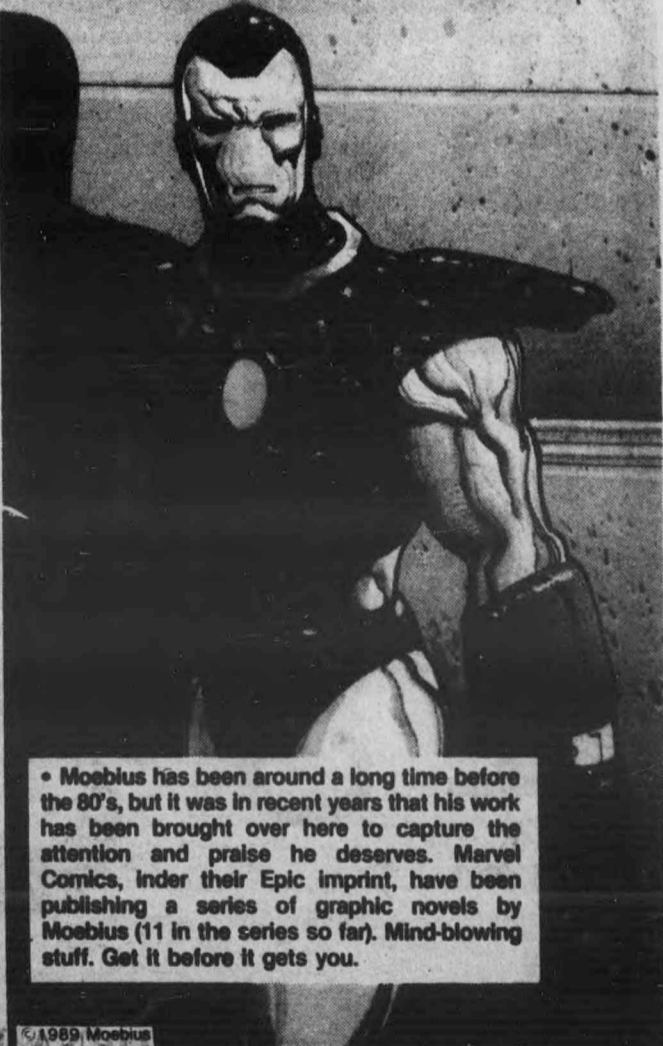
• Revitalizations have been big in the 80's. Witness John Byrne's *Man of Steel* series that brought Superman down to earth and up in sales. Also Miller's *Batman*, Chaykin on the *Shadow & Blackhawk*, Simonson put the thunder back in *Thor* and may do the same with *Fantastic Four*. Perez re-inflated *WonderWoman*, and Keith Giffen trotted out a new *Justice League* to sate our desire for comic that read like a really good sit-com.

• One item on the top 10 isn't a comic title at all. It's the growth of the direct sales market. This is the proliferation of games, hobby, & comic shops. Comic retailing has become a well-respected and thriving industry. Hundreds of comics are available at shops while only a few dozen are carried on newsstands. If you have never been to a comics shop, I highly recommend it. Their is certainly a comic, graphic novel, mini-series that will catch your eye and turn your crank. Moncton has Wilkie's *Wonderful World*, Saint John has Sorcerer's *Stone* and Fredericton has it's very own downtown called *A Collector's Dream*.

LOVE & ROCKETS

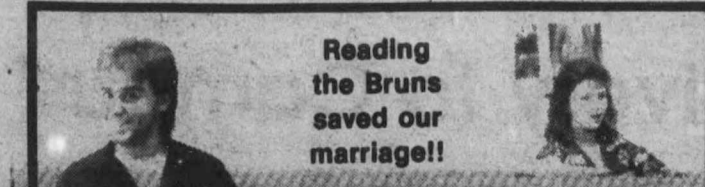
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• Los Bros. Hernandez, being Jaime, Gilbert, and sometimes Mario, exposed us to the strange new worlds of Palomar, a fictional town in Mexico, and the barrio's of east L.A., and with such storytelling flair and visual impact that *Love & Rockets* commands an extremely loyal and growing readership. They even got their comic's title ripped off by the former members of *Bauhaus*!



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• **Moebius** has been around a long time before the 80's, but it was in recent years that his work has been brought over here to capture the attention and praise he deserves. Marvel Comics, under their Epic imprint, have been publishing a series of graphic novels by Moebius (11 in the series so far). Mind-blowing stuff. Get it before it gets you.



Reading the *Brunswickan* saved our marriage!!

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