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If you need a Moscow street map, the best one is by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

The Soviet Union's chief cartographer acknowledged yesterday that most public maps for the last 50 years have been falsified. Thanks to Glasnost, this will happen no more.

The maps moved rivers, railroads and bridges, apparently to confuse bombers.

Satellite pictures have for years made it easy for the U.S. to map Soviet cities.

A week after dying of a cerebral hemorrhage, Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola overwhelmingly won reelection in New York city.

From San Jose Mercury News

On Aug. 17, George Wood of Middletown, N.J., died in New York behind the wheel of his parked car. New York police say they notified their counterparts in Middletown after the body was discovered two days later. Middletown police deny that they were notified. The upshot: Mr. Wood's family only heard of his death when, three weeks later, they received a towing notice addressed to his estate.

TORONTO (CP-Gazette) - In a move to crack down on prostitution, the Toronto police department says it will make public the names of convicted prostitutes and their customers to the news media.

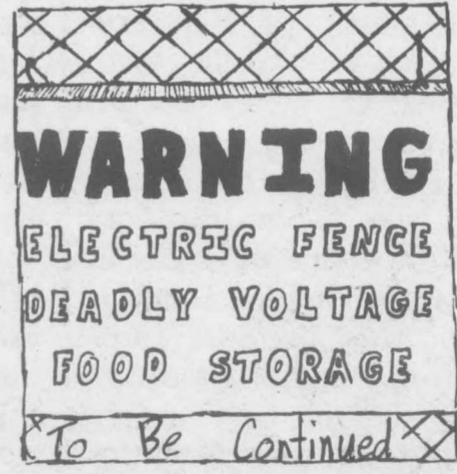
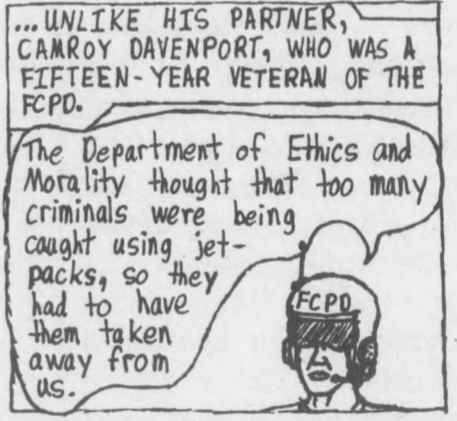
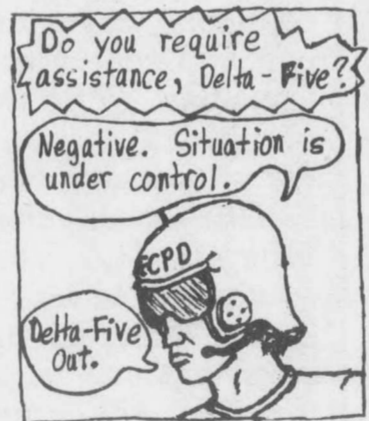
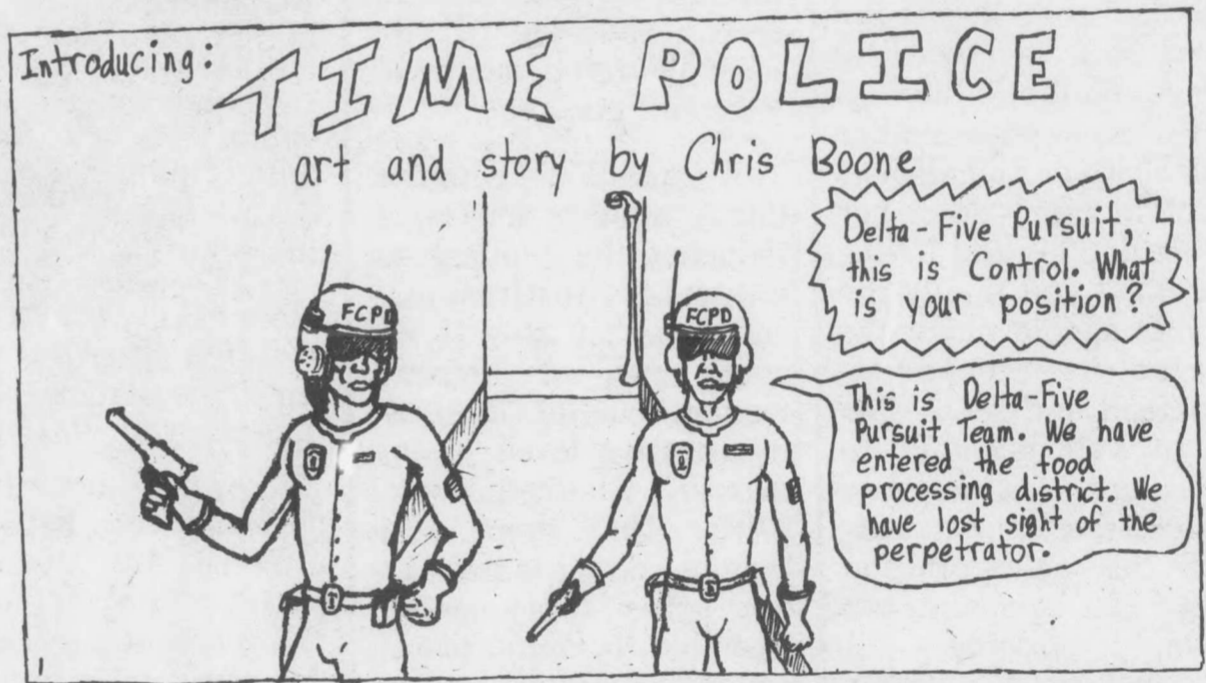
But the scheme may not have the desired effect, as the city's three daily newspapers say they won't publish the names, which are to be made public by police twice a month.



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