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MANHATTAN: TOP POLICE OFFICIAL TO RETIRE New York's second-highest-ranking police official, Joseph P. Dunne, the first deputy police commissioner, said yesterday that he was retiring. Mr. Dunne, left, narrowly missed being named police commissioner last year. He will become director of security for the American operations of the Swiss bank UBS, including its brokerage firm, UBS PaineWebber. Mr. Dunne began his 32-year career as a police officer in his native Brooklyn and made his mark as the commander for northern Brooklyn when crime declined sharply there in the mid-1990's. Some thought Mr. Dunne, who also served as the first deputy to Commissioner Howard Safir, had the inside track to succeed Mr. Safir in August 2000. Mr. Dunne had worked hard to repair relations with minority groups after incidents like the shooting of Amadou Diallo. But Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani chose Bernard B. Kerik, the correction commissioner. At a ceremony at City Hall, where Mr. Dunne had said he would stay on as Mr. Kerik's top aide, Mr. Dunne said, "Whenever I see a Miss U.S.A. contest and they announce the runner-up, I will know just how she feels." *Kevin Flynn (NYT)*



MANHATTAN: YOUNG WOMAN HIT BY TRAIN A woman's leg was severely injured yesterday when she dropped a book on the edge of a subway platform, bent down to pick it up and was struck by a train rushing into the station, the police said. The woman, Alice Huang, 18, of Queens, was in stable condition at Bellevue Hospital Center. Ms. Huang had been waiting on the platform at 23rd Street and Avenue of the Americas around 9 a.m. when she dropped the book. The southbound F train struck her and spun her around when she tried to pick it up, snagging her left leg between the platform and a subway car, authorities said. *Jacob H. Fries (NYT)*

BROOKLYN: BILLBOARD LAW UPHELD A federal judge in Brooklyn has upheld a city law enacted in March that bans large billboards in certain neighborhoods and along highways. On Oct. 11, a judge in United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York ruled that the law did not "censor ideas or target certain messages" in violation of the First Amendment. Floyd Abrams, the lawyer representing Infinity Outdoor, a large billboard company, said his client planned to appeal. Supporters of the law only recently heard of the ruling. "It was put on the back burner after Sept. 11," said Councilwoman Kathryn E. Freed, a sponsor of the law. *Denny Lee (NYT)*

QUEENS: KENNEDY TERMINAL EVACUATED A terminal at Kennedy Airport was evacuated after a passenger found a knife past a security checkpoint at 5:45 p.m. yesterday. Flights out of the terminal were grounded, and passengers who had boarded planes had to return to the terminal. Police dogs checked the entire building, Terminal 3, which houses Delta Airlines, and passengers waiting for 11 planes had to be screened again. The rescreening was completed by 10 p.m., said Jim Peters, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. The knife, found between the cushions of a seat in one of the boarding areas, had a four-inch serrated blade, an F.A.A. official said. It was not known how long the knife had been there. *Tina Kelley (NYT)*

QUEENS: MAN SHOT DEAD A 21-year-old man was found shot in the head last night at 93-12 212th Street in Queens Village, just before 10 p.m. The man, who was not identified, was taken to North Shore University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. No arrests have been made, and police are investigating the death as a homicide. *Tina Kelley (NYT)*

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