

Buses roll again; some workers axed



City school bus drivers, including at Atlantic Express Transportation Corp. in Queens, returned to their routes yesterday after the drivers' main union called off its strike last week. (PHOTOS: GETTY)

Kim planning show exit?

Fans of the reality show will have to look elsewhere to "Keep Up" with pregnant star Kim Kardashian.

The ninth season of "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" will be her last, Kardashian told Dujour magazine.

Kardashian, who is still married to Brooklyn Nets player Kris Humphries, said boyfriend and baby daddy Kanye West influenced her decision. "My boyfriend has taught me a lot about privacy," she said. (ANNA SANDERS)



Kim Kardashian

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Life returned to normal yesterday for more than 150,000 city students who take school buses, but it was a different story for roughly 100 returning bus workers.

Although nearly 8,000 school bus drivers and matrons suspended their strike on Friday, some companies fired workers for taking part in the monthlong work stoppage, according to their union.

Michael Cordiello, the president of Local 1181 of the

Amalgamated Transit Union, encouraged supporters to keep up the fight, maintaining that his members had the right to strike.

"Parents should be outraged at the irresponsibility of not allowing Local 1181 members — who provide their children with safe, experienced transportation ... — to return to their jobs," he said in a statement.

Several school bus operators in Brooklyn that supposedly handed out pink slips declined to comment.

The city's Department of Education said attendance

was 88.5% during the first day back from a shortened February break.

Union members stopped working Jan. 16 because they wanted the city to include employee protection provisions in contract bids with

bus companies. The city said the courts have ruled EPPs illegal and that the union's feud was with the bus companies, not the city.

Cordiello continued to chastise Mayor Michael Bloomberg and promised to

work with his successor.

Bloomberg said the suspension of the strike was good for the kids.

"Some people say the union won or the administration won. That's not true. The kids have won," he said.

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Vice President Joe Biden and Attorney General Eric Holder bestow the Medal of Valor on NYC firefighter Peter Demontreux in Washington, D.C., yesterday. (GETTY)



2 men hit by trains on same day

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One man died and another escaped death in separate incidents yesterday after being hit by subway trains, officials said.

In the first incident, a man jumped in front of the southbound F train at the Jackson Heights-Roosevelt Island sta-

tion in Queens around 11 a.m., officials said, delaying service in both directions for about an hour. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

In the second incident, which is still under investigation, a man either jumped or fell in front of the northbound No. 1 train at the Columbus Circle station around noon. He was in critical condition.

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