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Services Planned for Long-Time Bus Operator, Respected Wrestling Coach

By NED RACINE, Editor

(March 3, 2008) Services are scheduled for long-time Metro bus operator and renowned wrestling coach Louie Madrigal, whose body was found in his home on Feb. 28.

Madrigal spent his career at Metro as a part-time bus operator, beginning in June 1983 with Division 2 Crossroads Depot. From October 1984 Madrigal worked in Division 9 San Gabriel Valley.

"He came [to Metro] for the insurance and he grew to love it," said Helen Perez, a Division 9 transit operations supervisor. Perez knew Madrigal for 17 years, not only as a co-worker but because her two sons trained with the coach. According to Perez, Madrigal used his commercial operator's license to drive his wrestling team in a school bus.

"When [I] went to a match, everyone knew him," Perez recalled.

Madrigal became wrestling coach at Rosemead High School in the late 1980s and, according to the *San Gabriel Valley Tribute*, built a highly recognized program in the [California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section](#). He lead the Rosemead teams to Southern Section individual team championships in 1988 and 2004 and a dual championship in 2002.

Perez said she will most remember Madrigal's dedication. "He was the kind of person who was quiet, did his job, stayed out of trouble. However, if you mentioned wrestling, he could talk for hours."

In a tribute to Madrigal's career at Rosemead High School, the school will hold a memorial service on the football field on Saturday, March 8 from noon to 2 p.m. The service will be held at 9063 East Mission Drive, Rosemead, 91770.

"He never understood how much he touched people's lives," Perez said, adding that her older son made Madrigal the subject of a college essay describing his most inspirational person.

A viewing will be held Friday, March 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lambert, Tim-Pierce Brothers Simone Du Bois, located at 1136 E. Las Tunas Dr., San Gabriel, 91776.

Mass follow on Saturday, March 8 at 10 a.m. at Saint Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church, located at 1905 S. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel, 91776.



Louie Madrigal spend his 24-year career at Metro as a part-time bus operator.

