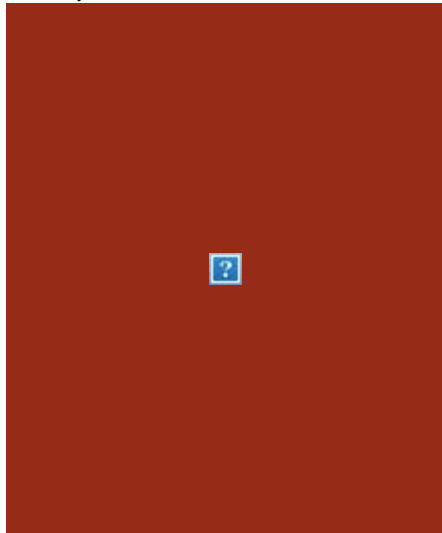


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Arthur Winston Film Nominated for Honors; New Transit Facility Is Second to Bear his Name

(Feb. 14) A film about 93-year-old Arthur Winston, the MTA's sterling example of energy and dependability, has been nominated for three awards by the Pan African Film Festival, the nation's largest independent Black film festival.

The 27-minute film, titled "Mr. Winston, A Living Treasure," was nominated for Best Documentary, Best Short Subject and the Audience Award. It will be screened at noon, Saturday, at the Magic Johnson Theatres in the Crenshaw Mall. Festival award winners will be announced Sunday.

Facility to be named for Winston

In January, 1997, MTA Division 5 was rededicated as the "Arthur Winston Division." In March, a local transportation company will break ground on a maintenance facility in Hyde Park that also will be named for the MTA's most senior employee.

The Arthur Winston Maintenance Center will be a major element of the Hyde Park Commercial Transportation Hub and Occupational Training-Education Center at 67th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard. The facility, which will include a large child care center for children of transit workers, is expected to open in September.

Winston will be a featured guest during a festival kickoff news conference at 10 a.m., Saturday. Also expected to attend are Assemblyman Herb Wesson, City Attorney James Hahn, City Council members Nate Holden and Mark Ridley-Thomas. MTA Transit Operations chief Tom Conner will represent the agency.

Employee of the Century

The Transportation Foundation of Los Angeles last December named Winston the "Transportation Employee of the Century." He marked his 66th year of employment with the MTA and its predecessor agencies, Jan. 24, and will celebrate his 94th birthday, March 22.

An Oklahoma native born in 1906, Winston moved to Los Angeles with his family in the early 1920s. He graduated from Jefferson High School and in 1924 signed on to work as a janitor at the Pacific Electric Railway Company's South Park facility. Although Winston took a short hiatus in the early 1930s to work at another job, he returned to public transit in 1934.

After serving with Pacific Electric and Metropolitan Coach Lines, he was promoted to Service Attendant Leadman in 1953 - a position he holds today. Monday through Friday, Winston rises at 5 a.m. to arrive on time for his 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift at Division 5, where he supervises a crew of service attendants.

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