

**Arthur Winston Suffers Daughter's Death
During Weekend of Film Festival Honors**

(Feb. 22) The MTA's Arthur Winston experienced both personal joy and tragedy this past weekend. Joy at the honors extended to him during the Pan African Film Festival and at Division 5, Saturday. Tragedy with the untimely death, possibly the same day, of Norma Robinson, the last of his four children.

The body of Robinson, 69, was found Sunday morning by a relative who had to break into her home when no one answered his knock. She had felt ill, Saturday, and had decided not to attend the film festival with her 93-year-old father. Funeral arrangements are pending.



Arthur Winston at film screening Saturday.

Arthur is 'okay'

"Arthur is okay," says Winston's great-granddaughter, Brandii Wright, with whom he lives. "He's going through this very well." The Division 5 service attendant leadman has requested a week's grievance leave and a week's vacation.

"I was with Arthur at the film festival on Saturday and shared in his happiness during that occasion," said Tom Conner, executive officer, Transit Operations. "On behalf of all of us in the department, I want to express our heartfelt condolences to Arthur on the death of his daughter, Norma."

Richard Hunt, deputy executive officer, Bus Maintenance, said, "Arthur and his family are in our prayers during this difficult time."

Winston was honored by Los Angeles city officials, Saturday morning, during a news conference prior to the screening of the documentary, "Mr. Winston: A living Treasure." That afternoon, he participated in Division 5's Black History Month celebration. The highlight of the program was the unveiling of a large sign on Van Ness Avenue marking the "Arthur Winston Division."



Happier moments from Pan African Film Festival include, above, "official" congratulations from City Councilman Nate Holden, left, City Attorney James Hahn and MTA Transit Operations Chief Tom Conner. Below, a family gathering with Arthur Winston includes (from left) his great-grandniece Terri Wade, great-great-grandnephew Nicholas Wade, greatniece Yvette Chappell and great-granddaughter Brandii Wright. Photos by Jose Ubaldo.

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