

# 'Terms' captures 11 Oscar nominations

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**HOLLYWOOD** — "Terms of Endearment," the tale of the joys and heartaches of a mother and daughter growing up together, captured 11 Oscar nominations Thursday, including best picture, to lead this year's Academy Award competition.

"The Right Stuff," the blockbuster account of America's first astronauts, won eight nominations, including best picture, followed by six for Ingmar Bergman's "Fanny & Alexander," the story of the travails of a Swedish family.

Also nominated for best picture were "The Big Chill," "The Dresser" and "Tender Mercies."

Shirley MacLaine, who plays the tempestuous mother in "Terms of Endearment," and Debra Winger, her defiant daughter, were both nominated for best actress. MacLaine has been nominated four times in the category, but has never won. Winger was a surprise nominee last year for "An Officer and a Gentleman," but did not win.

The 11 nominations for "Terms of Endearment" were best picture, two best actress nominations, two best supporting actor nominations, best director, best screenplay, film editing, original score, sound and best art direction.

The 56th annual Academy

Awards presentation will be telecast April 9.

Barbra Streisand, who wrote, produced, directed and starred in "Yentl," failed to win a nomination for best actress or best director. Her movie won five other nominations, including two in the best song category.

Also nominated for best actress were Jane Alexander, who starred in "Testament," a film about nuclear holocaust; two-time Oscar winner Meryl Streep, who played a contaminated nuclear plant worker in "Silkwood," and newcomer Julie Walters, who portrayed an ambitious student in "Educating Rita." Streep the best actress award last year for "Sophie's Choice."

Nominated for best actor were Michael Caine, the alcoholic professor in "Educating Rita;" Tom Conti for his role as the traveling poet in "Reuben, Reuben;" Robert Duvall as the washed-up country singer in "Tender Mercies," and Albert Finney, as a Shakespearean actor, and Tom Courtenay, as his gopher, in "The Dresser."

# Helping out

## Aggie vet students aid Austin humane society

By JAN PERRY  
 Reporter

Most people look for blood to flow when Aggies visit Austin. But instead of fighting, there's appreciation when Texas A&M's veterinary medicine students lend their skills to an Austin humane society, and both groups benefit.

The students participate in a visiting clinic program, which is under the direction of Dr. W. Elmo Crenshaw, associate professor of veterinary medicine at Texas A&M.

The 11-year-old cooperative between Texas A&M, the Austin-Travis County Humane Society and the Capital Area Veterinary Medical Association has no trouble in drawing volunteers. After completing their one mandatory surgical visit, most of the students are more than willing to volunteer their time again.

"It's (the program) popular with the students," Crenshaw said. "They're glad to volunteer. I think the students consider it the best day of their senior year."

The program is popular because both parties benefit: The students get surgical experience and the humane society gets economical medical care.

Christie Warren, a student who has worked for the clinic several times, said the program helps all those concerned.

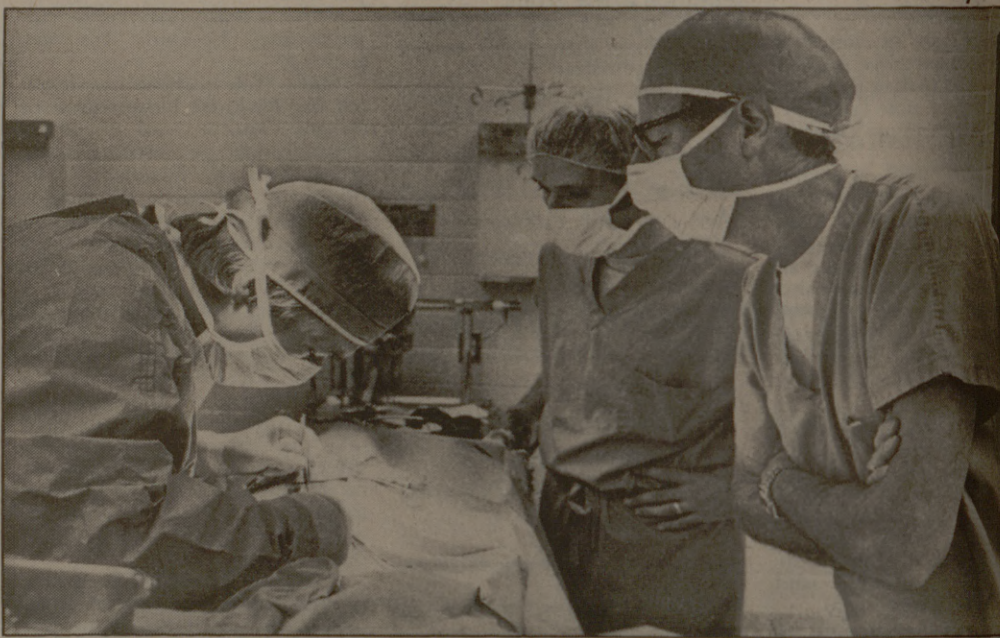


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Dr. W. E. Crenshaw (at right), Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine, and Wade Bradshaw (center),

look on as Luke Chachere (at left) performs surgery on a dog in the Small Animal Clinic at Veterinary College.

"We feel like we are doing a service for the community and the humane society," she said.

The community involved, however, is Austin. Crenshaw said the number of stray dogs and cats in Bryan and College Station is small enough that local veterinarians can handle it.

The students need to oper-

ate on as many animals as possible, and Austin's humane society supplies a larger source of patients.

The patients involved, mainly dogs and cats, are not experimental animals, Crenshaw said.

"The humane society requires that all of the animals be neutered," Crenshaw said. The students perform hyster-

ectomies on the female animals and castrations on the males.

Every Thursday about 30 of these operations, Crenshaw said. They start at 9 a.m. and don't stop until they are finished, usually around 4 or 5 p.m.

The students perform all phases of the surgery themselves, Crenshaw said.

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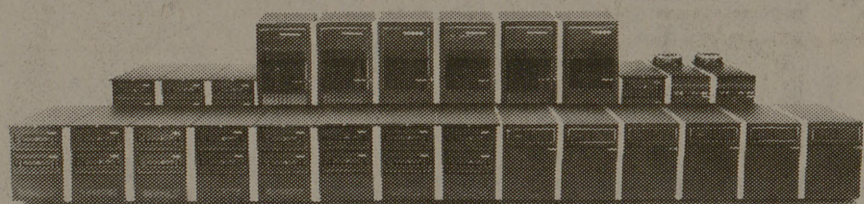
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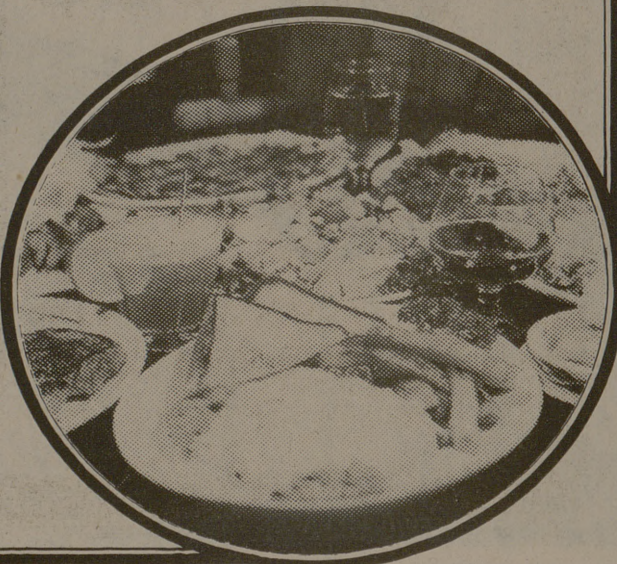
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# Scientists stop work at site of nuclear mishap

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**LAS VEGAS, Nev.** — Scientists curtailed experiments Thursday in a remote section of the top secret Nevada Test Site where the earth caved in over an underground nuclear explosion, injuring 14 workers.

A government official said the sudden depression in the desert mesa at the test site Wednesday following a 20-kiloton-range blast was the first injury accident since testing began in Nevada in 1951.

Members of a surface re-entry team suffered fractures and cuts and bruises when part of a mesa jutting 6,000 feet above the desert collapsed beneath them. Ten were hospitalized, including one man in critical condition. Two were released Thursday.

There were no radiation injuries and no radiation leak, spokesmen for the Department of Energy said.

The delayed action cave-in, three hours after the detonation, created an oval-shaped hole 10 to 30 feet deep, 60 feet wide and 150 feet long.

The explosion was triggered 1,168 feet below the mesa top and inside a granite tunnel drilled into the base of the Rainier Mesa.

The mesa, 93 miles northwest of Las Vegas, is in the northeast section of the 1,350-square mile Rainier Mesa test site, site of 618 nuclear experiments since 1951.

"We have had industrial

work accidents at the test site but there has never been one injured in a subsequent Department of Energy spokesman Jim Boyer said Thursday. "This is the first time people have been injured here as a direct result of a U.S. nuclear test to my knowledge."

Subsidence is scientific jargon for nuclear-caused ground movement. Boyer confirmed work at Rainier Mesa was curtailed Thursday. Asked if work had stopped, he said, "That's about it."

Cratering is expected when nuclear detonations are triggered underground in soft soil, but it has never happened at the granite mountain of Rainier Mesa following a test of less than 20 kilotons, said Department of Energy spokesman David Miller.

"We wouldn't have cleared those people to re-enter if we had thought this could happen," said Miller. "It was unexpected."

A trailer with scientists' equipment toppled into the cratered hole.

Eugene Smith, chairman of the Department of Geology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, confirmed Thursday a 4.5 reading on the earthquake scale registered by the test was "in line with other kiloton weapons detonated at the Nevada Test Site."

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