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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Warren Beatty's "Bugsy" led with 10 nominations and Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" became the first animated film ever considered for best picture in the 64th Academy Award nominations.

Beatty took a best-actor nomination for his portrayal of the Las Vegas visionary and criminal Bugsy Siegel. Ben Kingsley as crime boss Meyer Lansky and Harvey Keitel as mobster Mickey Cohen in "Bugsy" were nominated for best supporting actor.

The stylish period film was named in the best picture, screenplay, cinematography, costumes, art direction and original score categories, while Barry Levinson was nominated for best director.

"Bugsy" co-producer Mark Johnson attended the pre-dawn announcements Wednesday at the headquarters of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "I'm ecstatic," he said between calls to Beatty and Levinson. "What more could I possibly have asked for?"

"Bugsy" approaches the record set by "All About Eve" in 1950. The feature starring Bette Davis was nominated for 14 Oscars and won six.

Second to "Bugsy" was Oliver Stone's "JFK," which received eight nominations. The film that reopened national discussion about whether President Kennedy was the victim of an assassination conspiracy was nominated for best picture, best director and best supporting actor for Tommy Lee Jones, among other awards.

"The Silence of the Lambs," the taut thriller about an FBI trainee's pursuit of a serial killer, won seven nominations. They include best picture; best actor for Anthony Hopkins; best actress for Jodie Foster; best director for Jonathan Demme; and best screenplay for Ted Tally.

Barbra Streisand's "The Prince of Tides," also was favored with seven nominations, including best picture, but none for her directing or acting.

It was the second time the Academy spoiled Streisand's attempt to become the first woman nominated for best director since Lina Wertmuller and her "Seven Beauties" in 1976. Streisand was

Academy Award nomination day for 'Bugsy,' 'JFK'



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Warren Beatty, shown with co-star Annette Bening, received an Oscar nomination Wednesday for his acting in "Bugsy." The film was nominated for a total of 10 Academy Awards.

overlooked for her directing of 1983's "Yentl."

"I can't deny that I'm disappointed, but I'm thrilled to get seven," she said from London in a telephone interview. "I'm ecstatic about that. Even though I was disappointed about myself, I wasn't counting on anything."

Also put up for best-actor Oscars were Robert De Niro, who played a vengeful stalker in "Cape Fear," Nick Nolte as a football coach with a troubled past in "The Prince of Tides," and Robin Williams as a homeless man in "The Fisher King."

Besides Ms. Foster, nominees for best actress were Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon for their parts in the female buddy movie "Thelma & Louise," Laura Dern as a wayward woman in "Rambling Rose," and Bette Midler as a World War II entertainer in "For the Boys."

"Beauty and the Beast," Disney's animated story of love and virtue, not only rewrote Academy Award history with its best picture nomination, it also took three nominations for original songs, and two more for best score and sound.

Among other Oscar snubs this year, "Fried Green Tomatoes" drew only two nominations, and 1991 box office champion "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," picked up six nominations, but in lesser categories.

Diane Ladd, mother of Laura Dern, was nominated for best supporting actress in "Rambling Rose," the first time a mother and daughter were nominated the same year.

Other supporting-actress nominees were Juliette Lewis for "Cape Fear," Kate Nelligan in "The Prince of Tides," Mercedes Ruehl for "The Fisher King" and Jessica Tandy in

"Fried Green Tomatoes."

Best-supporting actor nominees also include Michael Lerner in "Barton Fink" and Jack Palance for "City Slickers."

Other original screenplays to be considered for Oscars are for "The Fisher King," "Grand Canyon" and "Thelma & Louise."

"Thelma & Louise" also received nominations for director, Ridley Scott, cinematography and film editing.

Other adapted screenplay nominees were "Fried Green Tomatoes," "JFK," "The Prince of Tides" and "The Silence of the Lambs."