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Little Helper Tracy White, class of '91, pushes 10 month old son, Brandon, to the tee of the fifth hole on the frisbee golf course at Research Park Sunday afternoon.

FOX angry at Emmy decision

NEWYORK (AP) — Fox News Channel is furious over a decision that leaves the fledgling network ineligible for the news Emmy awards, while allowing its archrival MSNBC to participate.

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences said the flap over the prestigious awards is unfortunate, but it's too late to be fixed.

Nominations will be announced late next month and awards will be presented Sept. 10.

Fox said it asked a few months ago whether any of its programming would be eligible. It was rejected since it did not meet an eligibility requirement that it be broadcast to at least 51 percent of the U.S. television audience, Fox spokeswoman Lori Dolginoff said.

MSNBC was similarly rejected. But it then argued successfully that it should be eligible because it is available by satellite dish to anyone in the country who wants it.

Fox also is available by satellite.

"We were unaware that the criteria to enter the Emmy awards was changed," Dolginoff said. "If we knew that, we obviously would have entered."

Fox started its news channel last October, three months after MSNBC.

According to Nielsen Media Research, both are now available in about one-third or fewer of the nation's estimated 97 million television homes.

Richard Thrall, the academy's awards chairman, conceded that the eligibility determination process is "a fairly complex thing and it's a little subjective." He wasn't sure whether Fox or the academy had made a mistake in this case.

"It's one of those things where you can't affix blame," Thrall said. "It was either our failure to communicate clearly or their failure to understand clearly."

He said it's too late to include Fox. Judges have already combed through all the entries to make nominations, and repeating the process would be too time-consuming and expensive.

Fox is still fuming.

"We just want a fair opportunity to participate in the news Emmys," Dolginoff said. "We are talking about next steps."

Government provides disaster relief funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration released \$110 million in grants Sunday to rebuild Grand Forks, N.D., and other flood-damaged cities in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo called it a "first installment" of the \$500 million in grants authorized by the disaster-aid bill that President Clinton signed into law Thursday.

"I'm just absolutely thrilled. We

have so many people who are hurting and felt they had no hope," Grand Forks Mayor Pat Owens said, promising the \$50 million awarded her city would not be wasted.

An additional \$50 million will go to communities in Minnesota, South Dakota cities will get \$5 million and North Dakota cities other than Grand Forks will divide the remaining \$5 million.

Grand Forks is the only city large enough to qualify for direct funding from HUD. The remaining \$60 million will be allocated through the states, said HUD spokesman Alex Sachs.

The money can be used for a wide variety of purposes, including relocation of homes and businesses, down payments for homeowners, repair of public facilities, and job development.

Jurors reflect on sentence

DENVER (AP) — For 2 1/2 months, they sat side by side, listening to the story of the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil unfold.

They heard former friends Timothy McVeigh's tell of his preparations for the Oklahoma City bombing, his plan to avenge the deaths of about 80 people in a government raid near Waco, Texas.

Many cried as people talked of loved ones who perished and rescuers talked of nightmares that never vanish.

They struggled for days before convicting, then condemning McVeigh to death — two one-vote, unanimous judgments that changed their lives.

At the end, the jurors — who addressed reporters Saturday, one day after sentencing McVeigh to death in the April 19, 1995, bombing — were left with one question for McVeigh: "Why?"

Christopher Tritico, one of McVeigh's defense attorneys, said Sunday that the jurors' comments helped him realize they made the right decision to keep McVeigh from testifying.

"They wanted Tim to get up there in the punishment phase ... (but) then you waive every issue on appeal so what's the point?" he said. "I think they all clearly said it wouldn't have mattered, that it wouldn't have changed their minds."

McVeigh, 29, was being held Sunday in the Federal Correctional Institution in suburban Jefferson County.

Tritico said he and the other members of the defense team are contemplating which issues would be the best to use for an appeal.

Among those they are examining are the judge's rulings, including his ban on the introduction of a defense theory that foreign terrorists were involved in the bombing, and his restriction of evidence about alleged FBI crime lab contamination.

McVeigh's jurors — who had a wide range of life

and career experiences — spent four days challenging "every single facet of this case," said former man James Osgood, a product marketing manager.

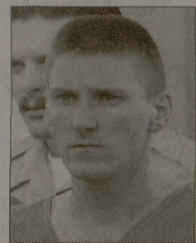
In the end, it was more difficult to reach the guilty verdict than it was for the death sentence, the jurors said.

"You go into this assuming McVeigh is innocent. The most shocking blow to all of us, I know to me personally, was that 'Yeah, he's guilty.' And it just hit home right there," said Roger Brown, a retired Air Force veteran.

Ruth Meier, a retired retail worker, said: "Twelve people cried when we pronounced him guilty. It took us a good hour, hour and a half to calm ourselves down that we could go into the courtroom again."

Said Osgood: "I think we can all sleep better at night knowing that the system does work."

The decision to impose a death sentence is one of the most difficult jurors have to make, said Joseph L. Hoffmann, an Indiana University associate dean who



McVeigh

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Jury foreman

for jurors, said Penny Dale, a jury consultant and director of the Los Angeles office of Forensic Technologies International.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Monday, June 16

MSC Visual Arts Committee: Sign up today for the Campus Art Walking Tour on June 18 from 5-7 p.m. For information call Lalaine Little at 845-9251.

The Writing Center (Dept. of English, Texas A&M): The Writing Center in 249 Blocker will consult with any TAMU student who needs help with his or her writing projects for Summer I. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Come by or call 862-4181 for more information.

Tuesday, June 17

TAMU Waterski Team: There will be a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. at Fitzwilly's. For more information call Mike Coyle at 268-2076.

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Wednesday, June 18

Study Abroad Programs Office: There

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MSC Visual Arts Committee: Join the Campus Art Walking Tour from 5-7 p.m. See campus art as you've never seen it before. Cold refreshments will be served along the way. Sign up at the MSC Forsyth Center Galleries.

Friday, June 20

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