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Teen poll links parents, dru

Survey points to problems with fathers as key to substance a

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teen-agers find it easier to talk about drugs with their mothers than with their fathers and those who do not get along with their fathers are at far greater risk of smoking, drinking and using drugs, a survey found.

Teens in two-parent families who have fair or poor relationships with their fathers are 68 percent more likely to use drugs than those in the average twoparent household that was surveyed, said a report issued yesterday by the private National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia Uni-

By comparison, children raised by their mothers alone were only 30 percent more likely to use drugs than those living in the average two-parent home.

Too many fathers are just AWOL in their kids lives," Joseph Califano, the research center's chair, told a news conference. They're not there to help with homework and kids don't go to them with important problems." Some 2,000 youths ages 12 to 17 and 1,000 parents were surveyed by telephone in May and

Researchers assessed the teens' risk of drug use by asking, among other things, if they had friends who use drugs and if they thought they would use drugs themselves in the future.

Fifty-seven percent said it was easier to talk to their mothers about drugs; 26 percent preferred talking to their fathers. The remaining 17 percent said they did not know.

Mothers influence their children's important decisions three times as often as fathers and are more likely to have private talks about drugs, the study found.

Fifty-eight percent of teens said they had very good or excellent relationships with their fathers, compared with 70 percent with their mothers

It has been difficult to encourage fathers to be close to their children because "fatherhood has not been culturally valued," said Don Eberly, chair of the National Fatherhood Initiative, a private support group for fathers.

It matters a lot more that the

Teen Drug Use in America

Among the findings of a report on teel use and the family released yesterday

• Nearly 90 percent of teens said they felt safe in a Cash

More than half said they attended a school where were used, and 20 percent said that if they want buy marijuana, they could get it in less than a half

Almost half of teens who had never used mail credited their parents with their decision.

Margin of error: Plus or minus 2 percenta

father not only be present but emotionally engaged, that the father is investing his life in his children, that he knows his children, that he's a friend to his children," Eberly said.

Califano said fathers should ask themselves if they join with mothers in monitoring their teen's conduct.

He said they should also ask "How often do I eat meals with my children?

The study found that children who never have dinner with their

parents have a 70 per Parents should take results as a "back-toand ask them question H. Westley Clark, direct Center for Substance

Too often, people if parenting role as the mo and this reminds us that is the children, the mot father where possible,"

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Process to choose Jasper jury begins

Jury selection begins today in Bryan for the trial of Lawrence Russell Brewer, who is being tried for capital murder in the dragging death of James L. Byrd Jr.

Fourteen jurors, including two alternates, will be selected to serve on the jury.

Although 600 jury summons have been sent out to Brazos County residents, jury coordinator Ginger Lanehart said not all of those are expected to report for

duty.

"We expect about 175 to 200 people for general voir dire tomorrow," she said.

General voir dire is the examination process prospective jurors go through to determine their competency to serve.

'It's hard to say how many will be eliminated tomorrow," she said. "After general voir dire, jurors go through individual voir dire, where they are questioned by both prosecuting and defense attorneys for about 30 minutes."

Brazos County officials also have sent 300 jury summons out for tomorrow in case too few jurors report today. Those who have received summons for tomorrow are asked to call the phone number on their summons to determine if they are needed for duty that day.

Lanehart said Jasper County District Judge Monte Lawlis expects jury selection to last two to three weeks.

House subpoenas Davidian records

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House 40 yards from the Davidians' committee investigating the FBI's belated admission that incendiary tear gas canisters were used in the hours before the fiery end of the government's 1993 standoff with the Branch Davidians issued sub-

poenas yesterday seeking records pertaining to the use of the tear gas.

The House Government Reform Committee issued subpoenas the Texas Rangers, who are in possession of the tons of evidence sifted from the charred remains of the Da-

vidians' compound and an assistant U.S. attorney in Waco who prosecuted criminal cases against surviving

The committee's chair, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., and other Republicans on Capitol Hill have been incensed over the FBI's about-face last week after years of claims that only non-burning tear gas was used during the final hours of the deadly, 51-day siege.

Attorney General Janet Reno and the FBI have said there is no evidence that the incendiary devices, lobbed at a concrete bunker

compound, were responsible for touching off the blaze that raced through the wooden structure hours later. But Reno has pledged a full investigation. Burton, whose committee will

hold hearings in the fall, dis-"We are going to

be sending out subpoenas to a number of agencies ... in the coming weeks."

> - Mark Corallo House Government Reform Committee spokesperson

patched two investigators to Austin last week to review evidence. Yesterday's subpoenas will be followed by others, said

House committee spokesper-Corallo.

'We are going to be sending out subpoenas to a number of agencies that were involved in the siege at Waco in the coming weeks," Corallo said.

Among them is the Defense Department, whose secretive Delta Force had troops present at the scene | allegations that the shoot — a point of controversy for some who contend the military played more than an observer's role.

Pentagon officials have said that three Army special forces officers were present outside Waco, Texas on April 19, 1993, but that they were not in any way involved in the FBI operation.

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"It was just something to do for fun," he said." think it would turn into

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