

# MACPOST

## Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers

From the President

July 2008

Greetings to MACPO members –


My year as president has ended. I would like to say it was a great year. I would like to say thank you to the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs for their outstanding work and dedication to the organization. You all do a great job, without all your hard work MACPO would not be the strong organization it is... thank you.

The Spring Conference was a huge success. I would say without a doubt the Training and Education Committee exceeded all expectations and provided quality training, perfect facilities, and unbelievable networking (and excellent weather). We look forward to going back to Breezy Point again next year. The committee is already busy planning next year’s conference, so if you have any suggestions please let a committee member know. A special thanks goes out to all the vendors for their generous support, you are an important part of our organization.

MACPO is busy with upcoming training opportunities, the Training Academy will have its first session in September, please contact Rachel Miller, Isanti County if you need to sign up. Also, the Support Staff Conference is coming in October, check the web site for details.

Thank you for the great opportunity to be MACPO President. Please welcome, Steve King, Director Mower County, as your new MACPO President.


Margaret Munson, President  
Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers



Margaret Munson  
MACPO President

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## States Crack Down On Fast-Acting, Short-Lasting Herb That's Legal And Easy To Obtain

(AP) On Web sites touting the mind-blowing powers of salvia divinorum, come-ons to buy the hallucinogenic herb are accompanied by warnings: "Time is running out! ... stock up while you still can."

That's because salvia is being targeted by lawmakers concerned that the inexpensive and easy-to-obtain plant could become the next marijuana. Eight states including North Dakota have already placed restrictions on salvia, and 16 others, including Florida, are considering a ban or have previously.

"As soon as we make one drug illegal, kids start looking around for other drugs they can buy legally. This is just the next one," said Florida state Rep. Mary Brandenburg, who has introduced a bill to make possession of salvia a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

North Dakota lawmakers last year passed a bill that makes salvia divinorum a schedule I controlled substance, a category that includes such drugs as heroin and marijuana. A person who makes, delivers or possesses a schedule 1 controlled substance is subject to a felony charge.

Some say legislators are overreacting to a minor problem, but no one disputes that the plant impairs judgment and the ability to drive.

Native to Mexico and still grown there, salvia divinorum is generally smoked but can also be chewed or made into a tea and drunk.

Called nicknames like Sally-D, Magic Mint and Diviner's Sage, salvia is a hallucinogen that gives users an out-of-body sense of traveling through time and space or merging with inanimate objects. Unlike hallucinogens like LSD or PCP, however, salvia's effects last for a shorter time, generally up to an hour.



No known deaths have been attributed to salvia's use, but it was listed as a factor in one Delaware teen's suicide two years ago.

"Parents, I would say, are pretty clueless," said Jonathan Appel, an assistant professor of psychology and criminal justice at Tiffin University in Ohio who has studied the emergence of the substance. "It's much more powerful than marijuana."

Salvia's short-lasting effects and fact that it is currently legal may make it seem more appealing to teens, lawmakers say. In the Delaware suicide, the boy's mother told reporters that salvia made his mood darker but he justified its use by citing its legality. According to reports, the autopsy found no traces of the drug in his system, but the medical examiner listed it as a contributing cause.

Mike Strain, Louisiana's Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner and former legislator, helped his state in 2005 become the first to make salvia illegal, along with a number of other plants. He said the response has been largely positive.

"I got some hostile e-mails from people who sold these products," Strain said. "You don't make everybody happy when you outlaw drugs. You save one child and it's worth it."

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An ounce of salvia leaves sells for around \$30 on the Internet. A liquid extract from the plant, salvinorin A, is also sold in various strengths labeled "5x" through "60x." A gram of the 5x strength, about the weight of a plastic pen cap, is about \$12 while 60x strength is around \$65. And in some cases the extract comes in flavors including apple, strawberry and spearmint.

Web sites such as Salviadragon.com tout the product with images like a waterfall and rainbow and include testimonials like "It might sound far fetched, but I experience immortality."

Among those who believe the commotion over the drug is overblown is Rick Doblin of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, a nonprofit group that does research on psychedelic drugs and whose goal is to develop psychedelics and marijuana into prescription medication.

"I think the move to criminalize is a misguided response to a very minimal problem," Doblin said.

Doblin said salvia isn't "a party drug," "tastes terrible" and is "not going to be extremely popular." He disputes the fact teens are its main users and says older users are more likely.

"It's a minor drug in the world of psychedelics," he said.

Moreover, it's hard to say how widespread the use of salvia is. National and state surveys on drug use don't include salvia, and because it is legal in most states, law enforcement officials don't compile statistics, either.

San Diego State University last year surveyed more than 1,500 students and found that 4 percent of participants reported using salvia in the past year.

Brandenburg's bill would make salvia and its extract controlled substances in the same class as marijuana and LSD.

Florida state Sen. Evelyn Lynn, whose committee plans to study the salvia bill Tuesday, said the drug should be criminalized.

"I'd rather be at the front edge of preventing the dangers of the drug than waiting until we are the 40th or more," she said.

July 13-19 National Probation, Parole and  
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# MACPO Spring Conference at Breezy Point



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Recovery Program



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Continuum from Kids to  
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Grand Prize Winner



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Handling Difficult People



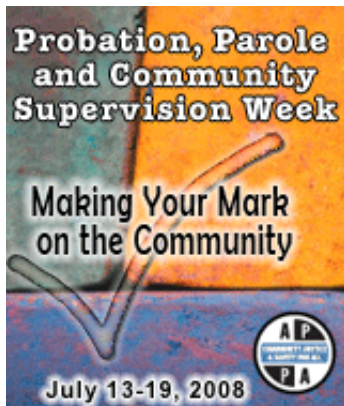
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Stephen King Incoming  
President, Mower County  
Director



Robin, Neil and Margaret  
giving away prizes





# States mull retroactive sex-offender registries



By Dirk VanderHart, USA TODAY

A federal law that requires states to establish a new system for registering sex offenders by 2009 is prompting some states to mandate retroactive registration — forcing offenders to register even if their crimes were committed before registry laws went into effect.

Under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, states have until next year to establish a tier system for offenders to register for 15 years, 25 years or life, based on the nature of their offenses.

Though the law does not mandate retroactive registration, Tennessee passed a law last July requiring it. The law applies to anyone who has ever been convicted of a sex offense that requires registration, said Kristin Helm of the Tennessee Bureau for Investigation.

At least two other states are moving in that direction:

- Michigan. The House Judiciary Committee is considering a bill that would force adults convicted of criminal sexual conduct with a child to register, regardless of conviction date.
- Missouri. A Senate committee is considering a resolution that would require almost all sex offenders to register, regardless of conviction date. If passed, the measure could appear on November ballots.

"If we're going to have a list, everybody should be on the list," said Republican state Sen. Jason Crowell, one of the bill's sponsors.

The resolution seeks to upend a 2006 Missouri Supreme Court opinion that ruled retroactive registration — then common in the state — illegal under Missouri's constitution. The decision forced the removal of more than 4,300 names from the Missouri registry.

A USA TODAY search of state registry laws shows that at least 15 other states required retroactive registration prior to the Walsh Act becoming law.

U.S. law bars states from passing ex post facto laws — those that punish someone for activity committed before the law was enacted. However, retroactive enforcement of Megan's laws — the informal name for sex offender-registration laws named for New Jersey abuse victim Megan Kanka — was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2003. The court found that Alaska's retroactive Megan's law was a regulatory measure, not punitive.

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) has been critical of the retro-registration laws.

"It's a fiction to say that this is a civil matter when this is, in fact, an extension of the criminal punishment," said Mike Kopie, co-chair of the NACDL's Sex Offender Policy Task Force.

We are more casual about qualifying the people we allow to act as advocates in the courtroom than we are about licensing electricians.  
Warren E. Burger

# Study: Midwest has the worst drunken driving rates



By KEVIN FREKING

WASHINGTON (AP) — The upper Midwest has the worst drunken driving rates in the country, according to a government report that says 15 percent of adult drivers nationally report driving under the influence of alcohol in the previous year.

Wisconsin leads the way. The federal government estimates more than a quarter of the state's adult drivers had driven under the influence. Rounding out the worst five are North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Utah had the lowest incidence of drunken driving. It was the only state where fewer than 10 percent of adult motorists reported driving under the influence. Following closely behind were a slew of Southern states that often fare poorly when it comes to government health statistics. This time, however, they're serving as models. West Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky and North Carolina all had drunken driving rates for the prior year of less than 11 percent.

The report on drunken driving relies on data obtained from the National

Survey on Drug Use and Health. The survey, based on a scientific random sample of households, asked 127,283 adults in 2004, 2005 and 2006 whether they had driven under the influence in the past year. Health experts say the state-by-state breakdowns support other surveys showing that residents in northern states are more likely to engage in heavy alcohol consumption.

"It's not surprising, but it means that these jurisdictions should take this data and think about how they approach public education campaigns and enforcement campaigns," said Dr. H. Westley Clark of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which released the report. The agency is a part of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Eric Goplerud, research professor at George Washington University Medical Center, said cultural and demographic issues probably have a role in the higher rates of driving under the influence in certain states. He said that religious affiliations in the Southeast often strongly discourage drinking, but that doesn't occur so much in the upper Midwest.

"A good part of the social life is around drinking," said Goplerud, who is also director of Ensuring Solutions to Alcohol Problems, which call for increased access to treatment programs.

Also, blacks drink at substantially lower rates and at less hazardous rates than whites, he said. The populations in those states are heavily white.

Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain, associate professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota-Morris, noted that the Minnesota Legislature is considering a bill that would let bars stay open until 4 a.m. during the Republican National Convention, pouring more money into the economy.

"We're making it easier to drink to all hours of the night, but (drinking and driving) didn't come into the discussion," Ratliff-Crain said. "There is a seeming acceptance that this is the way it is. Of course people are going to be drinking and driving, and well, that's it."

**AP** Associated Press





## NIDA Research Reveals Subconscious Signals Can Trigger Drug Craving Circuits

Using a brain imaging technology called functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), scientists have discovered that cocaine-related images trigger the emotional centers of the brains of patients addicted to drugs -- even when the subjects are unaware they've seen anything. The study, published Jan. 30 in the journal PLoS One, was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

A team of researchers at the University of Pennsylvania, led by Dr. Anna Rose Childress and Dr. Charles O'Brien, showed cocaine patients photos of drug-related cues like crack pipes and chunks of cocaine. The images flashed by in just 33 milliseconds -- so quickly that the patients were not consciously aware of seeing them. Nonetheless, the unseen images stimulated activity in the limbic system, a brain network involved in emotion and reward, which has been implicated in drug-seeking and craving.

"This is the first evidence that cues outside one's awareness can trigger rapid activation of the circuits driving drug-seeking behavior," said NIDA director Dr. Nora Volkow. "Patients often can't pinpoint when or why they start craving drugs. Understanding how the brain initiates that overwhelming desire for drugs is essential to treating addiction."

To verify that the patterns of brain activity triggered by the subconscious cues reflected the patients' feelings about drugs, Childress and her colleagues gave the patients a different test two days later, allowing them to look longer at the drug images. The patients who demonstrated the strongest brain response to unseen cues in the fMRI experiment also felt the strongest positive association with visible drug cues. Childress notes, "It's striking that the way people feel about these drug-related images is accurately predicted by how strongly their brains respond within just 33 milliseconds."

Childress and her colleagues also found that the regions of the brain activated by drug images overlapped substantially with those activated by sexual images. This finding supports the scientific consensus that addictive drugs usurp brain regions that recognize natural rewards needed for survival, like food and sex.

According to Childress, these results could improve drug treatment strategies. "We have a brain hard-wired to appreciate rewards, and cocaine and other drugs of abuse latch onto this system. We are looking at the potential for new medications that reduce the brain's sensitivity to these conditioned drug cues and would give patients a fighting chance to manage their urges."

You can view the paper at: <http://www.plosone.org/doi/pone.0001506>

For more information about cocaine, go to: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/DrugPages/Cocaine.html>



### MACPO'S 1st Annual "Training Academy"

September 18th, 2008 & November 20, 2008

Cambridge, MN 55008

This is a series of 5 separate full day trainings for new agents/apo's.

Training will include "Probation 101" (2 days)  
Safety, Intro. to Evidence Based Practice.

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### MACPO'S 2nd Annual Evidence Based Programs Booster Extravaganza

Thursday October 9, 2008 Chaska Community  
Center, Chaska MN.

9:00-12:00 Morning Session 1:00-4:00 Afternoon

Session Boosters include Youth Level of Service or  
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Effective case management or Thinking for a  
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Session Four: August 11-13

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Session Five: July 21-22

For more info, click [HERE](#).

Sponsored by: MN Youth Intervention Programs Association and Top 20 Training

Registration Deadline is one week prior to the event.

**Register Now!**



## Minnesota Community Corrections Association Presents: A Guided Tour of MCF-Faribault



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The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Faribault is a medium-security, level-three facility housing adult males. A level 1 and 2 minimum-security unit is also located outside the secure perimeter. Current population is just over 1100 offenders. Since 2006, MCF-FRB has been undergoing renovation/expansion to bring the population of the facility to over 1900.

A variety of facility work, vocational/education programs exists at this facility. MINNCOR Industries include wood furniture manufacturing, laundry, cleaning products, and subcontract work. Education programs include adult basic education, literacy, general educational development (GED), critical thinking skills, and transitional life skills. Vocational diploma/certificate programs include cabinetmaking, painting and decorating, commercial drywall, floor covering installation, carpentry, computer certification, small business management, and mechanical drafting. The facility also has a treatment unit for alcohol and other drugs. One of the buildings has been adapted to meet the needs of the department's geriatric and special needs populations.

Join us for a tour of the Faribault facility!

Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Time: 12:45-1:00pm security checks; tours starts at 1:15pm

Location: Minnesota Correctional Facility-FRB

1101 Linden Lane

Faribault, Minnesota 55021-6400

Registration should be emailed to Dani Harrington at [dharrington@rseden.org](mailto:dharrington@rseden.org) prior to September 10. There are a limited number of registrations available for the tour, so only those committed to attend should sign up. All visitors must have background checks completed before entry to the facility. No one will be admitted without prior authorization. You must include your full name, date of birth and MN Identification Number with your email registration. On the day of the tour, please leave all non-essential items locked in your vehicle. Cell phones, tobacco and smoking related products are strictly prohibited within the facility.

This training is free to all current MCCA Members.

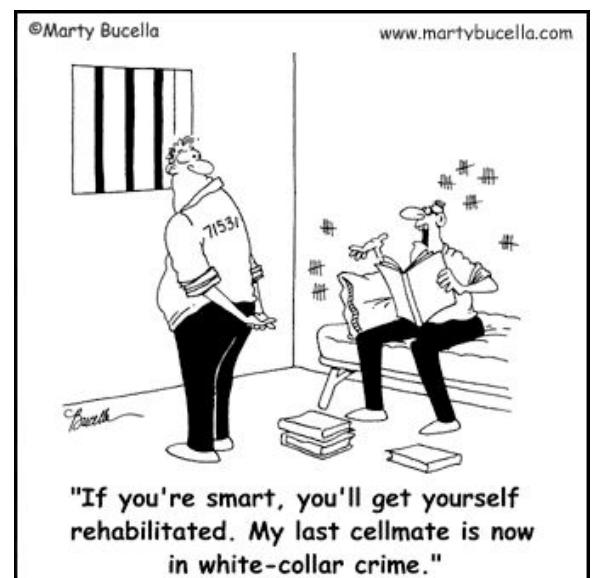
If you are not currently a member, there will be a training fee of \$30. This annual investment pays for one year of monthly training sessions and your complimentary membership to MCCA.



A JUDGE, BORED AND FRUSTRATED BY A LAWYER'S TEDIOUS ARGUMENTS, HAD MADE NUMEROUS RULINGS TO SPEED THE TRIAL ALONG. THE ATTORNEY HAD BRISTLED AT THE JUDGE'S ORDERS, AND THEIR TEMPERS GREW HOT.

FINALLY, FRUSTRATED WITH ANOTHER REPETITION OF ARGUMENTS HE HAD HEARD MANY TIMES BEFORE, THE JUDGE POINTED TO HIS EAR AND SAID, "COUNSELOR, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT AT THIS POINT, WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS JUST GOING IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER."

"YOUR HONOR," REPLIED THE LAWYER, "THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING. WHAT IS THERE TO PREVENT IT?"







## **Nida For Teens**

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov/>

## **National Institute of Corrections**

<http://www.nicic.org>



## **AllPsych Online**

<http://www.allpsych.com>

## **Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association**

<http://www.mnyipa.org>



## **MCCC**

<http://www.mnmcca.com/Training.html>

## **Minnesota Department of Corrections**

<http://www.doc.state.mn.us>



## **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**

<http://www.atf.gov/firearms/domestic/>

## Training and Education Committee

Thank you to everyone who attended our 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Conference at Breezy Point Resort. A special thank you to Katie Zarns and Brittany Taylor from Sherburne County for organizing and bringing in a record number of vendors this year!!!

The Training and Education Committee is always looking for new members as we are planning for the Support Staff Conference on October 1, 2008 at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud and also the 2009 Spring Conference at Breezy Point Resort. Our committee generally meets the third Wednesday of the month in the metro area. Please contact either Neal or Robyn for more information.

After 5 years, MACPO has decided to discontinue the Joint Winter Conference with MCA. The joint conference has been successful and MCA has been a great partner to work with. Please continue checking the website for information on the Support Staff Conference as well as the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Conference. We look forward to seeing you!!

Robyn Schauer  
Co-Chair

Neal Huemoeller  
Co-Chair



Robyn Schauer  
Brown County Probation

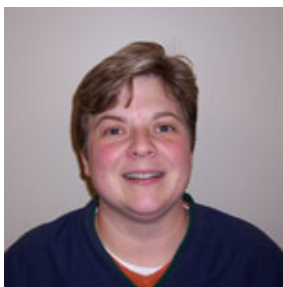


Neal Huemoeller  
Wright County Probation

## Membership Committee 2008 Winter Report

We are coming off a wonderful experience with 2008 Spring MACPO at Breezy Point Resort! Our overall assessment is "Wow!" Our committee members heard nothing but positive feedback from attendees.

As an update, our committee is responsible for maintaining/recruiting members, attending/staffing college job/internship fairs, coordinating conference registration, coordinating scholarship and conference applications and coming up with promotional gift and clothing ideas.



Jill Arbeiter  
Co-Chair

We are always interested in recruiting new members for our committee. If you are interested, we meet one time per month in the St. Cloud area. Please contact any of our committee members listed below or one of the co-chairs for more information on our responsibilities and our meeting schedule.



Charles Kitzman  
Co-Chair



## Legislative Committee Report

Your MACPO Legislative Committee doesn't start formally meeting again until August 7<sup>th</sup>, but we have some projects that we are working on over the summer. Two issues carried over from last year, juvenile predatory registration, and PO search authority, are being reviewed by our juvenile and adult subcommittees for possible action next session.

Because this next legislative session is the "budget session" for FY 10 and FY 11, we will be focusing on trying to secure adequate funding for probation services. We expect this to be a very difficult task in light of the expected revenue shortfalls. We are very aware of the impact of last session's budget cuts on the courts, and we hope to avoid a similar fate. We recognize the need to develop and maintain close relationships with key legislators and to ensure that our local legislators are aware of our situation. To accomplish these goals, we are planning on holding a "Capitol Day" event in January, and we are planning on setting up regional meetings throughout the state this fall with local legislators to discuss local probation issues and needs. Additionally, we are encouraging members to attend the candidate forums in their local communities and raise issues about local probation services and needs.

This next session promises to be a very interesting and important one. As always, feel free to contact me or any of the MACPO Legislative Committee members with any questions or comments you might have.

Steven Paquay  
Chair,  
MACPO Legislative Committee



Lana Bjorgum  
Itasca County Probation  
MACPO Legislative  
Committee Chair



Steven Paquay  
Chisago County Probation  
MACPO Legislative  
Committee Chair

## Treasurer's Report

Summer is finally here!! MACPO's fiscal year officially ended on June 30. I still have a few weeks until my numbers are final but our financial status is looking great. The past president, president and incoming president will be meeting with our accountant in July to review and compare our budget and actual spending and to see if improvements need to be made anywhere. The next two months will also be busy for the executive board with budget planning and implementation.

I would like to say thank you to the Training and Education Committee for putting on a great Spring Conference. I'd also like to say thanks to Margaret Munson for leading our organization for the past year.



Sarah Weikle  
Pine County Court Services

## Communications Report

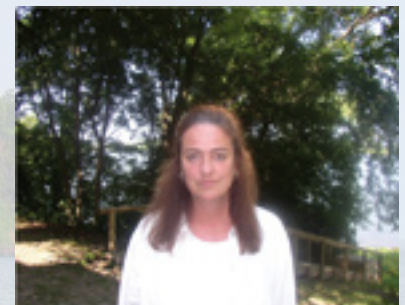
The MACPO Spring Conference at Breezy Point Resort was one of the best conferences ever. Hats off to the Training and Education Committee for their excellent efforts. We also welcome president elect John Klavins and welcome back our secretary Denise Olson.

The Communication Committee welcomes anyone who wishes to serve. Our website is an essential tool for our organization and may be the first contact point for people throughout the county and in our state who wish to understand corrections in Minnesota. Our newsletter serves to inform our members about key issues important to delivering quality supervision in our counties. It also serves to keep us all up to date on the latest trends and thinking about our profession. Please feel free to contact me or Chris Maas should you be interested in joining the committee.

Watch the website for announcements about the Support Staff Training and other educational opportunities.

Have a wonderful summer.

Anne Riley



Anne Riley  
Chisago County Court Services

## Communication Committee Co-Chair



Christopher Maas  
Sherburne County  
Court Services

Check out the MACPO website for all the award winners, highlights and photos from the 51st Annual MAPCO Spring Conference May 21st – May 23rd, 2008. There will also be updates from our new president Steve King as well as introducing our president-elect John Klavins. I will also be getting information on the Support Staff Conference that is already scheduled for October 1st, 2008. Feel free to let me know if you would like anything added to the website. Please send me an email at [Christopher.Maas@co.sherburne.mn.us](mailto:Christopher.Maas@co.sherburne.mn.us) or contact me at 763-241-2819.