

STACK: Correa doesn’t mind rocks getting knocked

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being featured everywhere from the Chicago Peace Museum to the cover of Greenpeace Magazine. “I sat by him like he was Yoda and I was Luke Skywalker all winter,” Correa said.
During that time he also found himself in legal trouble, a pattern that court records show has continued off and on over the past few years, with a string of arrests on charges including harassment, theft and burglary. On Tuesday he landed in jail for a probation violation.
Before his arrest he said he was optimistic about where his life was going, however. He recently completed his first paid rock-stacking gig, at Mariscos Manzanillo, and was commissioned to paint a mural for the restaurant, too. A boost in attention from the rocks has been bringing attention to his other art. He plans to start selling blank, hand-stretched canvases to art students, and a friend wants to open a skateboard shop and get Correa to

custom-paint skateboard decks.
Correa has a degree in public policy from the University of Oregon and has had a share of more traditional jobs, including owning a Pita Pit in Eugene and being a manager for UPS. But his dream is to operate an art cooperative where people can pay a membership fee in return for access to a public workshop with a kiln, wood-working tools, paint and other supplies.
“I know what I am,” he said. “I’m a carpenter. I’m an artist. I’m a painter.”
He sees the rock stacking as a way to bring art to people who don’t necessarily attend galleries or museums. It certainly has generated a response — when he was fixing his installation on Main Street many of the drivers passing by honked and waved approvingly. Others have left notes for Correa or ask him how he does it.
“It creates this mystical thing,” he said. “People are mystified by my work. They’re drawn to it because

people don’t get enough art in their lives.”
It’s not uncommon for people, mostly children and teenagers, to destroy his rock stacks, but Correa said to him that shows they were affected by his attempt to expose them to art.
He recalled one time in Pendleton when he watched a pair of gym classmates sprint as fast as they could around the corner and work frantically to knock down a collection of rock stacks before the rest of their class jogged into view.
“The amount of effort they put into knocking them down showed me they cared about it,” Correa said. “I don’t know if they didn’t understand it, or they wanted to be a part of it, but they changed their daily routine to be able to do it.”

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SPEED: Limit proposal decreased from 75 mph

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western) side are just starting to realize how long it takes to drive in the east,” he said.
Ultimately, the bill passed 42-5. Supporters included more than 25 Democrats.
Along the way, the bill has been tweaked slightly. As a concession to
ODOT, the stretch of Interstate 84 from the Idaho border to The Dalles has been lowered from the proposed 75 miles per hour to 70. At the same time, the bill also added U.S. Route 26 from John Day to Vale.
With strong bipartisan support throughout the process, Barreto expects it to pass through the Senate

before the session ends.
But while the speed bill has a good chance at becoming law, another key bill sponsored by freshman Barreto was less successful.
Barreto said House Bill 3514, which allocates tax credits to ranchers whose cattle that have been killed by wolves, will not make it into law.

Grangood agreed to testify against Browning as part of their deals, but Mauer did not.
Mauer’s girlfriend, Sarah Frankford, was also sentenced Thursday to five years probation for third-degree assault.
Primus said he was pleased with the progress “attacking this criminal organization,” especially considering that his office entered new territory when they made it a RICO case.

TRAINS: Plan lays out orders for first responders

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There were no oil trains in the state before 2012, Copeland said. The numbers only figure to rise with the construction and expansion of new refineries.
“The increase in oil trains is a new dynamic for us on the West Coast,” said Lisa Copeland, spokeswoman for the Washington Department of Ecology. “The public has been pretty vocal about this issue.”
Strategies for protecting the Mid-Columbia apply on both the Washington and Oregon shores of the river. Copeland said her agency worked closely with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, as well as tribes and the general public, in hashing out the plan.
Due to its size, the Mid-Columbia GRP is broken down into four sections by areas downstream from each federal dam: Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day and McNary. The John Day and McNary pools combine to cover about 126.5 miles of river from John Day Dam to Hanford reach.
The John Day Pool includes cities, ports and marinas at Arlington, Boardman, Irrigon and Umatilla. McNary Pool stretches from the dam and includes Hat Rock State Park, Juniper Canyon and out to the Tri-Cities.
Resources identified include endangered fish and sensitive wildlife habitat, as well as critical economic infrastructure like water intakes, agricultural pumps and the dams themselves —

which provide both hydro-electric and fish passage facilities.
The GRP does not inform responders how to contain an oil spill at its source, but depending on the location tells them where to go to deploy booms and divert oil away from sensitive resources.
Harry Chichester, environmental specialist and lead planner with the Washington Department of Ecology, said the goal is to make sure there response is organized and aggressive.
“Once the oil hits the water, injury has already occurred,” Chichester said. “It’s just to what extent will you allow that impact the environment.”
For each site, the plan essentially gives the first marching orders for responders of where they can stage, what tools they will need, where they can launch boats and where they can anchor booms, if necessary.
Booms can keep or steer oil away from prime nesting habitat for birds, such as with any variety of islands or shorelines, or keep oil from clogging dam and water intakes.
“To have marching orders out the door, now knowing where an oil spill might occur, we have to provide something,” Chichester said. “On the day something bad happens, we won’t have time to do all that.”

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MARIJUANA: One bill adds 17 percent sales tax

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marijuana bills in Salem. Lawmakers also passed a broad bill to regulate the state’s existing medical marijuana program and set up the new recreational pot regulatory system.
That legislation, House Bill 3400, also includes a seed-to-sale tracking system for recreational pot and will allow elected officials in cities and counties where at least 55 percent of the electorate voted against Measure 91 to pass bans on recreational and medical marijuana businesses. Brown signed the bill into law this week.
A third marijuana bill, which will replace the harvest tax on pot in Measure 91 with a 17 percent sales tax intended to generate roughly the same amount of revenue, also passed in the Senate this week. House Bill 2041 is also now awaiting Brown’s signature.
“These bills represent a session-long, bi-partisan consensus that respects

the will of the voters and provides the safeguards and funding necessary to regulate the recreational marijuana industry in Oregon,” Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, said in a written statement this week. Burdick was co-chair of a legislative committee that drafted the bills.
Senate Minority Leader Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, said the bills were some of Oregon lawmakers’ best work.
“Marijuana advocates have asked, ‘Why not just implement the will of the people as outlined in Measure 91, passed by voters in 2014?’” Ferrioli said in a written statement this week. “But making cannabis available for recreational use has been the most complex public policy issue of the decade. I believe the Legislature has done a remarkable job of balancing the interests of recreational users with protections for medical users and respect for local control.”



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