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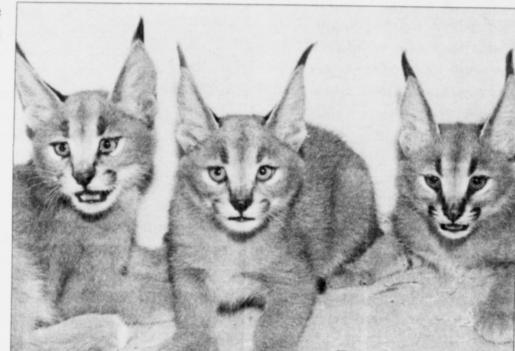
Zoo Kittens Grow Quickly

The results are in! Keepers have voted to name the Oregon Zoo's three caracal kittens Mkuze ("mih-KOO-zee"), Binti and Aziza.

Mkuze, the male kitten, is named after an African wildlife reserve. The female kittens' names are Swahili; Binti means "young lady daughter" and Aziza means "gorgeous."

"The kittens continue to grow very quickly and have started eating solid meat," said senior Africa keeper Asaba Mukobi. "They are really active, and spend lots of time pouncing on each other and sometimes their mother, Peggy."

The zoo's caracal habitat is part of the zoo's Predators of the Serengeti exhibit.



Keepers at the Oregon Zoo have named a trio of caracal kittens Mkuze (from left), Binti and Aziza.

Oregon's Biggest Party -The Too-Big-To-Miss Oregon
State Fair takes off Friday, Aug. 26
and continues through Sept. 7 at the state

fairgrounds in Salem. For a complete schedule, visit oregonstatefair.org.

Movie Insanity -- Curious Comedy Theater, 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., presents the Neutrino Project on Friday, Aug. 26 and Saturday, Aug. 27, an improvised movie in which three groups are each given a camera, cast and runner, and the crew returns with insane footage for the audience to watch. Admission is \$12 advance or \$15 at the door. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the shows start at 8 p.m. For more information, call 503-477-9477.



Rooftop Film Series -- The Northwest Film Center invites you to join them for cinema under the stars at the Top Down summer rooftop film series, concluding Thursday, Aug. 25, atop the parking garage at the Hotel deLuxe on 729 S.W. 15th Ave. Festivities begin at 8 p.m. Bring your own portable chair, pillow, or blanket. Tickets are \$9. For movie titles, visit nwfilm.org.

Movies in the Park -- All summer long, Portland's neighborhood parks will host free films from recent hits to classics. Films begin at dark (8 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.) with pre-movie entertainment starting at 6:30 p.m. Rainouts will be called at 5 p.m. For a complete schedule, visit portlandparks.org.

Summer Reading -- Multnomah County Library gives kids an incentive to read over the summer months in their 99th annual Summer Reading program. Studies show that over the summer, students lose about two months of reading comprehension skills. Kids aged birth to high school students entering grade 12 are welcome to sign up at any school library.

Networking Fridays -- The MVP Bar and Grill, 110 S.W. Yamhill St., hosts a minority professional networking event every Friday between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Free food, drinks and music.

Javier Nero -- Javier Nero performs every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Afrique Bistro, 102 N.E. Russell St.

Chronicles of Narnia Exhibition -- Take a magical

journey of exploration in the Chronicles of Narnia, OMSI's new state-of-the-artexhibition, where visitors will enter a three dimensional world that combines the wonders of science with C.S. Lewis' beloved fictional books and blockbuster film series. The exhibition will show



through Sept. 25, and tickets are \$2 with regular museum admission.

Norman Sylvester Band -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Friday, August 19 at Persimmon Country Club, Friday, Aug. 26 at Clyde's; Saturday, Aug. 27 at Fat Tuesday's in Vancouver; Friday, Sept. 2 at the Candlelight; and Saturday, Sept. 3 at Roadhouse 101 in Lincoln City.

Mel Brown Live -- Portland jazz giant Mel Brown performs at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday night. Known as the "Gentleman of Jazz," Brown has a career spanning over 40 years.

Summer Concerts in the Parks -- Neighborhood parks near you are hosting a variety of free concerts featuring funk, pop, rock, Afro beat, country, swing, Celtic, jazz, soul and Zydeco. The full schedule is posted on portlandparks.org or call 503-823-5446.

Pedal to the Metal -- An original exhibit about Oregon's

motorsport history, Pedal to the Metal brings iconic race cars, motorcycles and engines to the Oregon History Museum in a breathtaking display. Ex-



hibit runs through Sunday, Sept. 4.