

lesbians and their friends and kids," Knuths explains. He added that this wildlife adventure is very popular as a family vacation.

People will begin the trip June 9 in Quito, the capitol of Ecuador. They will fly to the Galapagos Islands, which are off the west coast of South America, and spend five days aboard a ship. Day stops at several islands will allow for encounters with the unusual wildlife, including blue-footed boobies, frigate birds and marine iguanas.

"The amazing thing is that this wildlife triggered Darwin's theories of evolution and survival of the fittest because these animals developed and survived differently than anywhere in the world because they're so isolated. And because they don't know to be wary of man, they're a photographer's dream," Knuths said. But whether a company guide like Knuths joins the licensed Ecuadorian naturalist on the trip depends on the enrollment numbers, which Knuths fully expects will be achieved.

Knuths said couples, families and single members of the community form friendships on these trips that last a lifetime. He also said that the time to start planning for the Galapagos Island trip is now.

For more information call Alyson Adventures at 800-825-9766 or visit [www.alysonadventures.com](http://www.alysonadventures.com).

### Promoting Among Us

Who is that person you've seen at all the queer events around town handing out fliers about the next queer event? She's everywhere. She's Tamara J. Brown.

Brown is all about building community, and that's why she focuses her promotion and marketing business, PosterChild Promotion, on serving the queer and women's communities.

"Huge corporations have budgets for billboards, while small nonprofits don't," says Brown. "I offer them an opportunity so they don't spend \$10,000 on an advertising campaign."

With a bachelor's degree in speech communications studies, Brown began her career close to 20 years ago by promoting her own music. "I'd go to events, pass out fliers and that was it—the Internet wasn't big then, and I couldn't afford an ad in the newspapers," Brown says. "People started asking me to do it for them, and I thought if only I could get paid since I'm so darn good at it!"

In 2002 Brown came to Portland, where she



Tamara J. Brown spreads the word about community events and businesses.

wasn't playing out much and focused on finding and working at "dumb jobs." But through promoting "Suck My Open Mic" for three years at 3 Friends Coffeehouse as well as other music events, Brown says people started asking for her services again.

"Lots of people put up posters or do it themselves, but I have been doing this for a while and here in Portland and I'm out there every week," Brown explains. "People in businesses know me and pay attention to what I'm doing. I can offer the benefit of having a strong presence in the community."

Brown also says she offers the benefit of having a big mouth. "Someone may hire me, and I don't stop talking about their event or business—I'm really dedicated to the things I believe in."

Brown has been involved with many benefit events and nonprofit organizations in the community, including the first No on 36 campaign benefit held at Mississippi Pizza Pub. In addition to promoting events at Q Center and for Girls on Gay and Hot Flash, Brown runs Tough Titties Productions with her best friend, Natalia Kay, and is co-founder of Siren Nation, a music and arts festival slated for November in Portland.

For more information about PosterChild Promotion, visit [www.posterchildpromotion.com](http://www.posterchildpromotion.com) or [www.myspace.com/posterchildpromotion](http://www.myspace.com/posterchildpromotion).

### What's in a Name?

Burnside Triangle dwellers should expect to lose a landmark next month as the Eagle PDX, 1300 W. Burnside St., leaves the neighborhood.

The bar catering to the queer fetish crowd reportedly lost its lease and is moving to Old Town.

Eagle owner Karl Wilgus, who did not return calls by press time, told *Willamette Week* that he intends to move the bar near other gay drinking establishments in Old Town.

But a sigh of relief might be premature for patrons, as the bar might not open with the same name. When Wilgus failed to register the Eagle PDX during the summer, a familiar figure in the gay business world swooped in and scooped it up.

Pat Lanagan, owner of Fat Cobra Video and Urge, a North Portland gay bar, registered the Eagle and four other versions of the name, but he refuses to say whether he intends to rename Urge or open a new establishment with the familiar name. "I bought it because it was available," he said.

Whether Lanagan can maintain exclusive rights to the name he legally purchased is a matter he is willing to fight for in court. According to Oregon law, Wilgus may maintain the Eagle's name if he files an affidavit stating he made an error in letting the renewal lapse. 10



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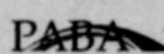
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