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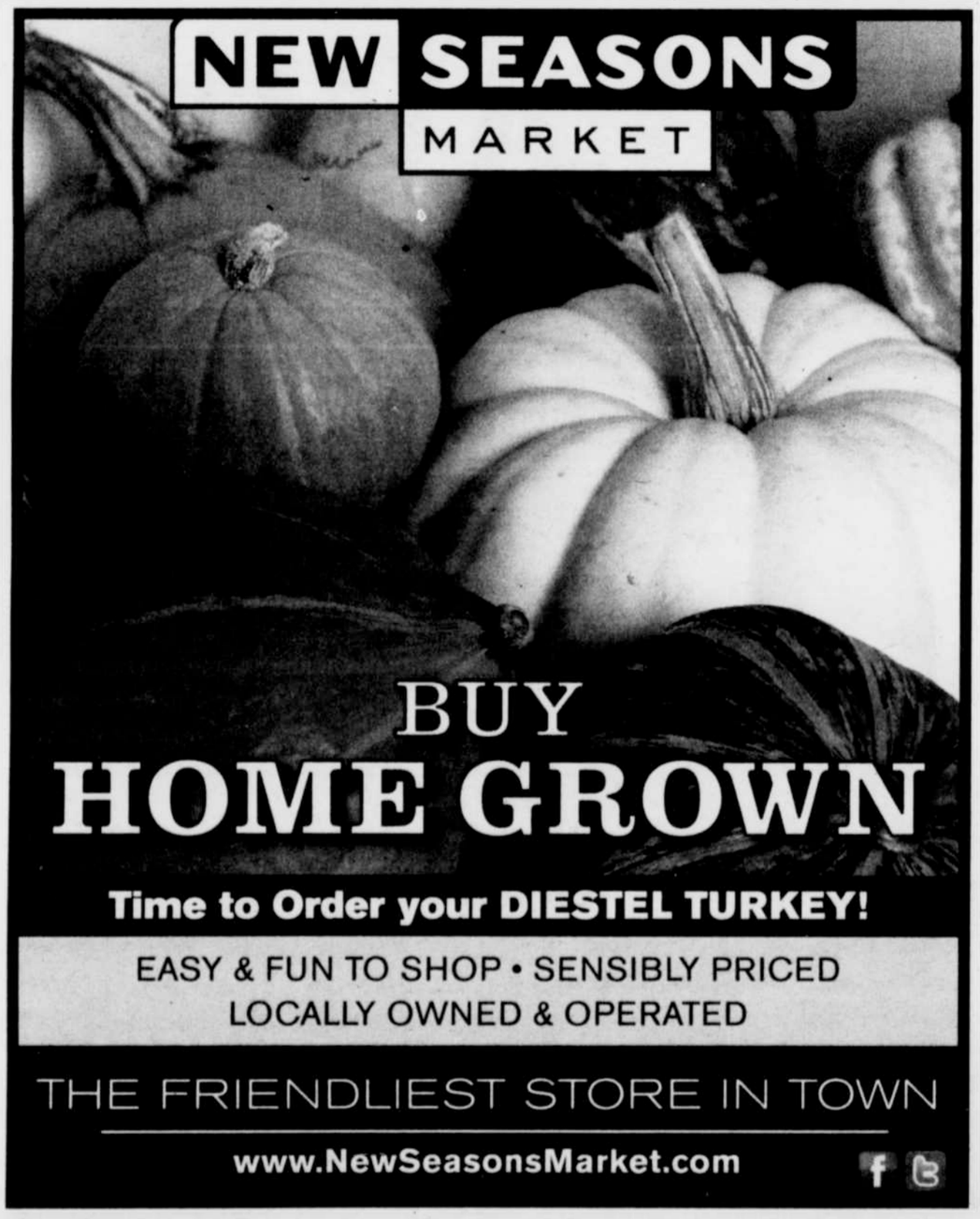

a leadership role literally blew my mind," explains Ryan. "It cracked the glass ceiling in my mind and helped me believe that I could be in a leadership role, too."

This free event is open to PCC students and all community members, and will take place at Rock Creek Campus' Building 3 Auditorium (17705 NW Springville Road). RSVPs are encouraged to Ryan at tamara.ryan@pcc.edu.

In other regional campus event news, Lewis and Clark College will host a free conference Thursday, December 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at its Templeton Campus Center in the Council Chamber (0615 SW Palatine Hill Road). **"Growing Up Policed: Surveilling Racialized Sexualities"** will highlight how young people marginalized through sexuality and race are targeted by authorities.

The event will feature presenters and panelists, followed by a world-premiere screening of *The Story of Antjuanece Brown*, which focuses on the Washington County case of Brown's highly controversial "sexting" charge that landed her a month in jail, convicted felon status and the loss of her job.

This event is open to the public.

To RSVP and for more information about the "Growing Up Policed" conference, visit go.lclark.edu/graduate/policed/conference.

CAUSA to Host Coming Out Party

Over the last year, CAUSA—Oregon's Immigrant Rights Coalition—has stepped up its alliance work with the LGBT community. To highlight those efforts, **CAUSA is hosting a Coming Out Party Thursday, December 8** at The Slate (2001 NW 19th Ave. #104) from 6 to 8 p.m. The party will showcase the importance and history behind creating alliances and conversations between the LGBT and Latino communities.

CAUSA's work to integrate LGBT issues into its agenda has included bringing queer DREAM Act activist Yahaira Carillo to speak at its annual membership assembly, as well as organizing equality assemblies where LGBT Latinos gave personal testimony on discriminatory experiences. CAUSA has also partnered with Basic Rights Oregon to build support for the freedom to marry in Oregon.

"We have a long-standing relationship with LGBT organizations such as Basic Rights Oregon and [the] Rural Organizing Project, because it made sense strategically and politically," says Aeryca Steinbauer, special projects coordinator for CAUSA. "Immigrant and LGBT communities have both faced attacks on our basic rights at the ballot in Oregon, and we needed to come together to protect our communities."

The party will include live music by Xavier y Su Banda Clasica, as well as jazz and Broadway tunes from David Hastings. Emcees are *El Hispanic News* publisher Melanie Davis, and Star Empress 34 Fabu-Lanzaa. Wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages and hors d'ouevres will also be served.

Steinbauer is positive that the event will serve as a testament to CAUSA's committed work ethic, and the reinforcement of bridges built with the LGBTQ community.

"Even though we've taken action in support of LGBT equality for years, we feel this year was our 'Coming Out' year because we started our work for LGBT equality in a more integrated, public way," says Steinbauer. "The Coming Out Party will be a fun time to celebrate this work and recognize the leadership and contributions of LGBT Latinos and Latinas."

Tickets to the Coming Out Party are $15 in advance, and $25 at the door. Advance tickets are available by visiting causaoregon.org.

Causa's Coming Out Party
Building Equality for all Latin@ Families
THURSDAY DEC. 8TH, 2011
TheSLATE
2001 NW 19th Ave. #104, Portland, OR
6 p.m.–8 p.m.
• wine • beer • non-alcoholic beverages •
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Community News

• LGBTQ adults considering adoption, waiting to adopt and those who've recently adopted alike are invited to **a new monthly LGBTQ parent support group meeting, presented by Adoption Mosaic** (adoptionmosaic.org). The nonprofit organization, dedicated to supporting the adoption community, was recently awarded a $5,000 grant through a collaboration of AdoptUSKids and the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC), which allowed AM to facilitate the new monthly groups.

According to the Williams Institute Census Snapshot from February 2008, approximately 19 percent of same-sex couples in Oregon were raising children under the age of 18, with more than 5 percent of Oregon's adopted children living with a gay or lesbian parent.

The next monthly support group meets Wednesday, November 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the residence of one of the facilitators, Cliff Leonardi (1556 SE Maple Ave.)

Monthly meetings will continue through December 2012.