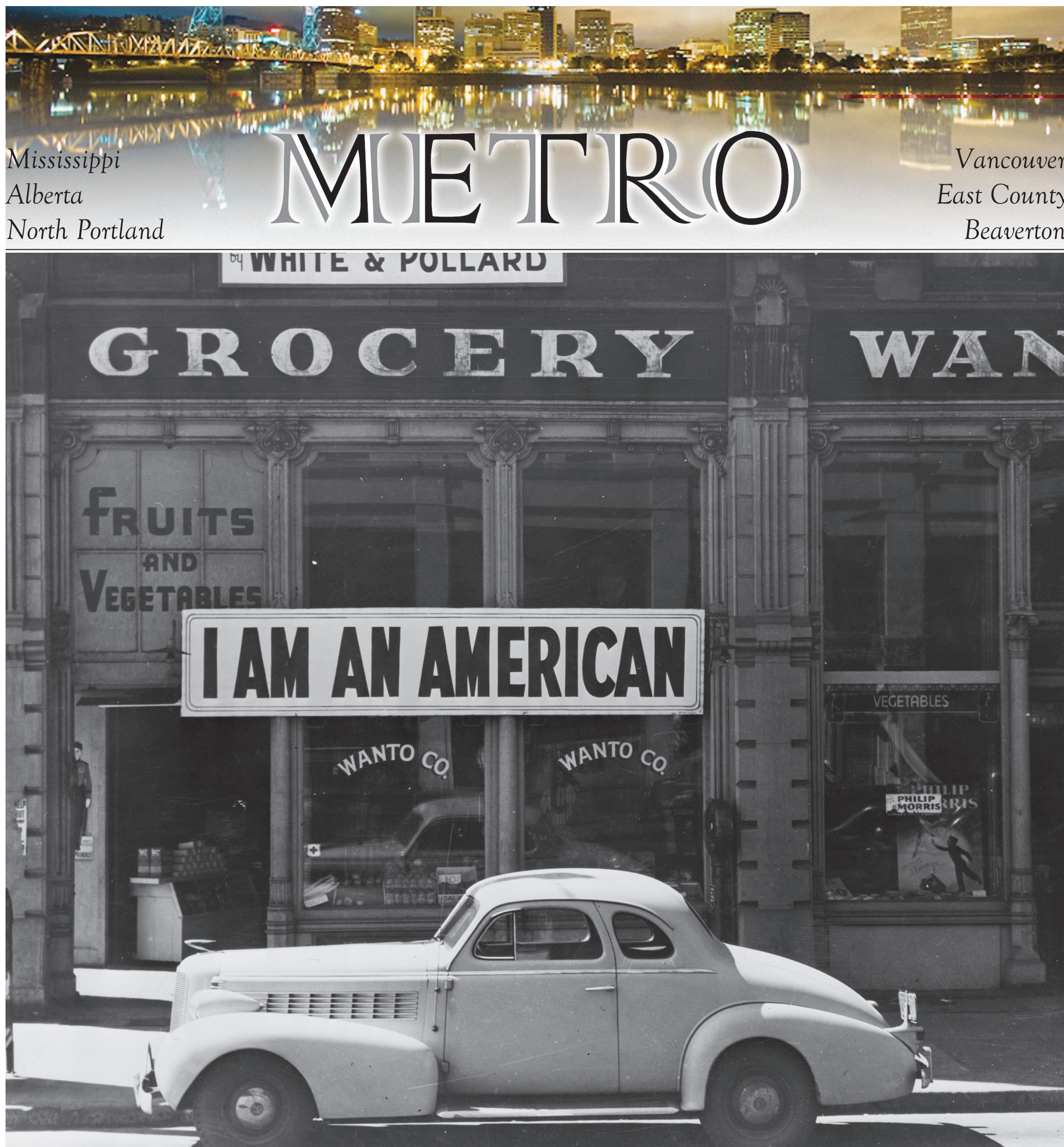




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Sign that was placed on the Wanto Co. store in Oakland, California, on December 8, 1941.

Immigrant Asian American Exhibit

The Immigrant Story and the Oregon Historical Society are working with Portland photographer Jim Lommasson and artist Roberta Wong to present a powerful new exhibition, *I Am an American: Stories of Exclusion and Belonging*. It opened on August 26th at the Oregon Historical Society's museum in downtown Portland. The exhibition includes photographs, collected objects, and narratives from Asian Americans, speaking to the re-

silience of Asian Americans in the face of exclusion and hatred as well as the many dimensions of Asian American identity.

The display focuses on six Asian American women whose experiences reflect the different facets of Asian American identities. "I Am an American attempts to shed light on the racism that is woven into the fabric of America," said exhibition photographer Jim Lommasson. "I believe that finally America is beginning to wake up and

take anti-Asian discrimination seriously."

The collection is part of a broader campaign, *Oregon Rises Above Hate*, that seeks to amplify the narratives of Asian Americans in Oregon to draw attention to the rise in hate aimed at Asian American in America. The title, "I Am An American," was intentionally chosen to bring attention to the 80 years since the federal government confiscated property and sent more than 100,000 Japa-

nese Americans to incarceration camps in the early days of World War II.

I Am an American is on view August 26, 2022, through January 8, 2023. The Oregon Historical Society's museum is open seven days a week, Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 12pm-5pm. Admission is \$10, with discounts for students, seniors, teachers, and youth. Admission is free every day for OHS members and Multnomah County residents.