

Crowd Control

◀ On any given weekend, large crowds of party-goers come from all corners of the metro area and overflow the Old Town/Chinatown venues, sidewalks and streets.

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owners. "The theory is people can walk out into the streets and have more area to walk, so there will be less bumping and shoving," said Guthrie. "That's the logic behind it, we will see if it works."

Hobo's and other businesses in the area didn't have much of a choice but to accept and adapt to the city's decision. Guthrie is optimistic that it will bring more party people down and profit businesses while keeping the crowds safe.

However, he worried the loss of parking after 10 p.m. would negatively impact his dinner patrons as they have to rush through an 8 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. dinner to get back to their cars and move them. But he was relieved after the first weekend and holiday trial.

"New Years was great. Fantastic," he said. "Obviously people found somewhere to park. We were very very busy. And I think everybody was."

Home Loan Trouble Workshop

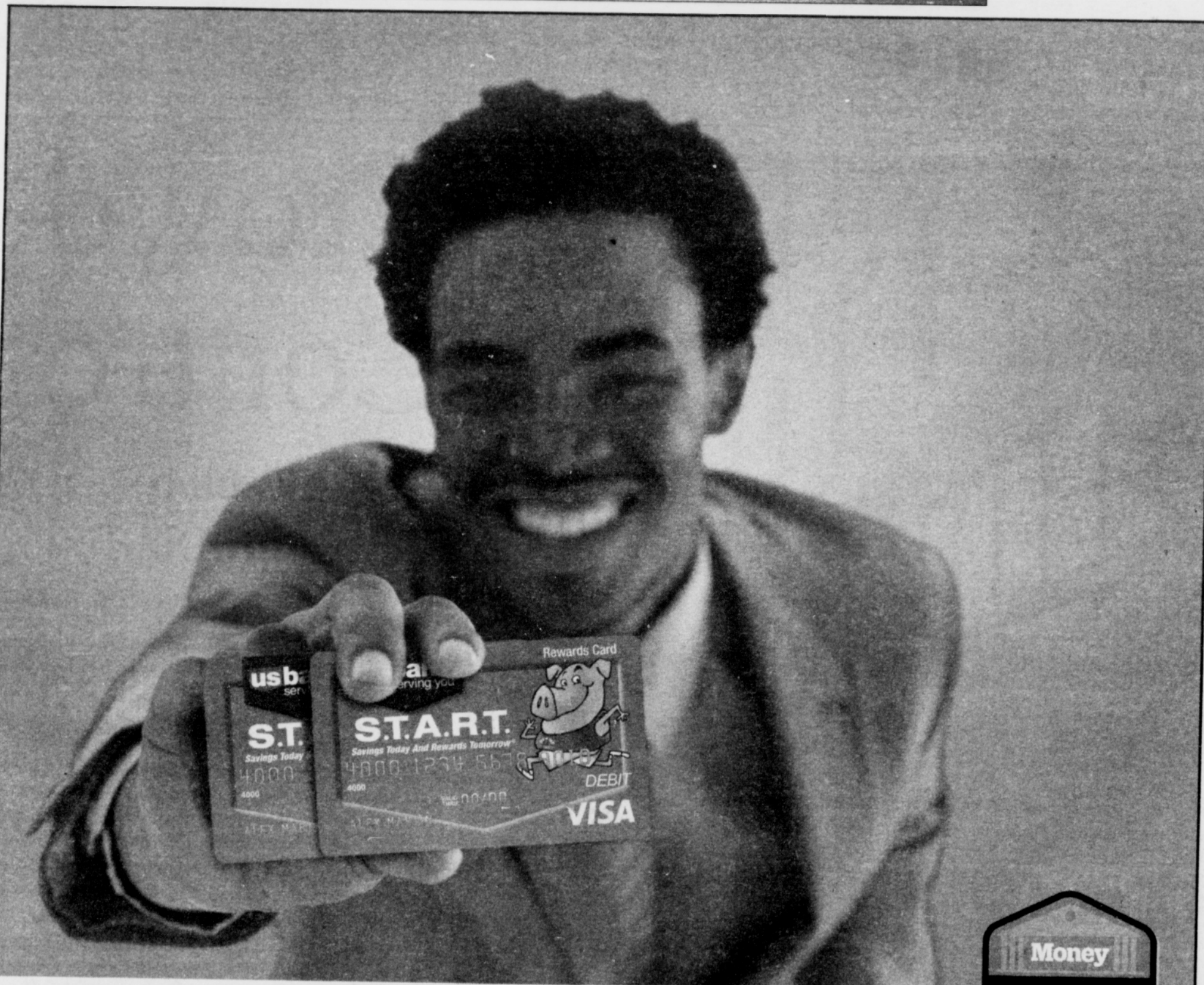
Wells Fargo is hosting a free Home Preservation Workshop at the Oregon Convention Center on Thursday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., for Wells Fargo customers facing financial hardships.

Where possible, mortgage borrowers will receive a decision on a workout, loan modification, or other options, on site or shortly following the workshop. Options include the bank's own loan modification program and the federal government's Home Affordable Modification Program.

Registration is urged to guarantee the ability to meet one-on-one with a representative. Visit wfhmevents.com/leadingthewayhome or call 800-405-8067. Walk-ins are also welcomed.

Some loan customers might be eligible for options created by a settlement with attorneys general in Oregon and elsewhere. Homeowners who owe more on their mortgage than the value of their home might be eligible to refinance their loan based on criteria including demonstrating ability to repay.

Those who are unemployed or underemployed and meet basic guidelines may also begin the process of applying for Oregon's Hardest Hit program, which provides up to 12 months of mortgage payments.




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

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