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FDIC TRANSFERS INSURED DEPOSITS OF
UNITED MERCANTILE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, N.A., PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the transfer of insured deposits of United Mercantile Bank and Trust Company, N.A., Pasadena, California, to OneCentral Bank, Glendale, California. The failed bank's sole office will not reopen, but insured deposits will be available at OneCentral Bank's Glendale office on Monday, March 23, 1992.

The Board of Directors decided to arrange an insured deposit transfer because the FDIC could not determine the value of the failed bank's assets.

United Mercantile Bank and Trust, with total assets of about \$29.0 million, was closed on Friday, March 20, 1992, by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC was named receiver. At the time the bank closed, its deposits totaled about \$28.3 million in about 1,500 deposit accounts, including approximately \$1.1 million in 29 accounts that exceeded the federal insurance limit of \$100,000.

Deposits in the failed bank up to the statutory insurance limit of \$100,000 will be available to their owners on Monday, March 23, 1992. In the interim, checks drawn on the failed bank's accounts, up to the insurance limit, will continue to be honored.

Insured depositors in the failed bank can automatically continue to conduct their banking transactions with the acquiring bank. However, they should visit the acquiring bank during the next several weeks to discuss continuation of their banking relationship.

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Administration of the transferred insured deposits will be funded by an equivalent cash payment from the FDIC. The acquiring bank is paying the FDIC a premium of \$105,000 for the right to receive the transferred deposits. It also will purchase \$4.9 million of the failed bank's assets. The FDIC will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of \$24.1 million. Uninsured depositors and nondepositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in the proceeds realized from liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

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