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FDIC TRANSFERS INSURED DEPOSITS OF
AMERICAN BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, RIO RANCHO, NEW MEXICO

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the transfer of insured deposits and secured liabilities of American Bank, National Association, Rio Rancho, New Mexico, to United NEW MEXICO BANK at Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Wednesday, January 23, 1991, as a branch of United NEW MEXICO.

The Board of Directors decided to arrange an insured deposit transfer because the FDIC was unable to quantify the value of the bank's assets.

American Bank, National Association, with total assets of about \$15.8 million, was closed on Tuesday, January 22, 1991, 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 \$17.8 million in 1,900 deposit accounts, including approximately \$15,000 in 15 accounts that exceeded the federal insurance limit of \$100,000. Uninsured depositors and nondepositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in the proceeds realized from liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

Deposits in the failed bank up to the statutory insurance limit of \$100,000 will be available to their owners on Wednesday. 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 \$150,000 for the right to receive the transferred deposits. It also will purchase certain assets of the failed bank and will have options to purchase loans and other assets of the failed bank. The FDIC will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of \$13.7 million.

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