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October 18, 2006

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 18, 2006

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-18630 (Commission File Number)	95-4274680 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California (Address of principal executive offices)	90012 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On October 18, 2006, Cathay General Bancorp announced in a press release the completion of its acquisition of New Asia Bancorp, Inc., the holding company for New Asia Bank.

Reference is hereby made to the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated October 18, 2006.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 18, 2006

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

Heng W. Chen
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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