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Form 8-K  
November 21, 2006

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

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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): November 21, 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 90012  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

As previously disclosed, Cathay General Bancorp's subsidiary Cathay Bank entered into an agreement in March 2006 to buy a 20% stake in First Sino Bank of Shanghai, China. This investment was subject to regulatory approval from the China Bank Regulatory Commission in China and Cathay Bank's regulators in the United States and other customary closing conditions. The agreement provided that it could be terminated by either party if all conditions to closing were not fulfilled or waived prior to September 30, 2006. By mutual agreement of the parties, this closing date was extended to November 15, 2006. As of November 21,

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2006, the parties have elected not to further extend this closing date and the agreement can be terminated by either party upon written notice.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On November 21, 2006, Cathay General Bancorp announced in a press release that it has entered into an agreement to acquire United Heritage Bank, located in Edison, New Jersey.

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

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated November 21, 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: November 21, 2006

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

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Heng W. Chen  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Exhibit
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99.1	Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated November 21, 2006.