

AnewAmerica's Community Angel Awards

OAKLAND — The seventh annual "Weaving Our Common Threads" gala will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Holy Redeemer Conference Center, 8945 Golf Links Rd.

"This event is a celebration of the extraordinary value new Americans bring to this country and is also an opportunity to support innovative efforts in economic development of low-income people," said Sylvia Rosales-Fike, founder, president and CEO of AnewAmerica.

The gala will feature the Community Angel Awards, which are presented to three outstanding leaders from local government and the business community. This year's awardees are:

* Ginny Yamate, manager of

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diversity outreach and contributions, California State Automobile Association, and former director of public affairs, ABC7;

* Amanda Feinstein, program officer, Haas Fund;

* Maria Gallo, vice president for diverse markets, Union Bank of California.

These three women will be

recognized for leadership in community development, economic justice and responsible philanthropy in the Bay Area.

AnewAmerica's Microbusiness Exposition provides a venue for entrepreneurs in the program to showcase their new or expanding businesses strengthened by AnewAmerica's services. They will also provide ethnic food and display and promote their products and/or services.

Clients include Satoko Myodo, whose business idea is to combine elements of Japanese tea ceremony with an art gallery as a venue for not only food but also cultural exchange.

AnewAmerica's Assets for New Americans is the only program in the nation that provides up to three years of support in business planning and training, university credentials, technology literacy, financial management, savings incentives (including a 2:1 match on deposits) and access to markets and capital.

Business incubation is linked with asset building and social responsibility so that clients can attain a higher living wage and quality of life. In 2005, families in AnewAmerica's programs had a business growth of 22 percent.

For more information, call (510) 540-7785, ext. 314 or visit www.anewamerica.org.

Plus-2 Rating

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In Buffalo, N.Y., defenseman **Dave Tanabe** had an outstanding defensive performance despite the Carolina Hurricanes' loss, 5-4, against the Buffalo Sabres. With over 11 minutes of ice time, Tanabe received a plus-2 performance rating.

Photo: Buffalo Sabres left winger **Thomas Vanek** (26) manages to pass the puck after being checked to the ice by



Carolina Hurricanes defenseman **David Tanabe** (45) during the first period on Oct. 20. (AP)