CHANG MICHAEL M Y
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHANG MICHAEL M Y

(Last) (First) (Middle)

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								104,554.21 (1) (2)	D	
Common Stock								132,944 (1)	I	As custodian for children
Common Stock								136,000 (1)	I	Spouse as custodian for children
Common Stock								208,812 (1)	I	Family Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	$ 10.625 (1)							01/20/2005(3)	01/20/2010	Common Stock	400 (1)
Stock Option	$ 15.0475 (1)							01/18/2003(4)	01/18/2011	Common Stock	1,600 (1)
Stock Option	$ 16.275 (1)							02/21/2003(5)	02/21/2012	Common Stock	2,000 (1)
Stock Option	$ 19.925 (1)							01/16/2004(6)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	3,800 (1)
Stock Option	$ 24.8 (1)							11/20/2004(7)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	11,000 (1)
Stock Option	$ 37	02/17/2005		A		3,500		02/17/2006(8)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	3,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHANG MICHAEL M Y 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	X			

Signatures

Michael M.Y. Chang	02/22/2005
	Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

****** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Adjusted to reflect a 2-for-1 stock split effective 9/28/04.

(2) Includes 67.36 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date.

(3) The option is fully exercisable.

(4) The option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/03.

(5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/03.

(6) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/16/04.

(7) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/20/04.

(8) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/17/06.

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