

TANG ANTHONY M
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 TANG ANTHONY M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Senior EVP

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) Amount	or (D)	Price			
Common Stock							350,584 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2004		J ⁽²⁾	793 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 31.21 ⁽¹⁾	81,489 ⁽¹⁾	I	By ESOP
Common Stock							80,322 ^{(1) (3)}	I	As custodian for children
	01/21/2004		J ⁽⁴⁾		A			I	By spouse

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Common Stock				638.128 (1)		\$ 26.352 (1)	242,547.218 (1)		
Common Stock	04/20/2004	Â	J(4)	531.528 (1)	A	\$ 31.72 (1)	242,547.218 (1)	I	By spouse
Common Stock	07/20/2004	Â	J(4)	546.272 (1)	A	\$ 30.933 (1)	242,547.218 (1)	I	By spouse
Common Stock	10/22/2004	Â	J(4)	607.35	A	\$ 35.852 (1)	242,547.218 (1)	I	By spouse

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)
Stock Option	\$ 10.625 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Date Exercisable: 01/20/2001(5) Expiration Date: 01/20/2010	Common Stock 23,000 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Date Exercisable: 01/18/2002(6) Expiration Date: 01/18/2011	Common Stock 26,360 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 16.275 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Date Exercisable: 02/21/2003(7) Expiration Date: 02/21/2012	Common Stock 26,000 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 19.925 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Date Exercisable: 01/16/2004(8) Expiration Date: 01/16/2013	Common Stock 47,500 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 24.8 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Date Exercisable: 11/20/2004(9) Expiration Date: 11/20/2013	Common Stock 105,140 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TANG ANTHONY M
777 NORTH BROADWAY
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

X Senior
EVP

Signatures

Anthony M. 02/03/2005
Tang

Signature of Date
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) ESOP Earning Allocation.
- (3) The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in 7,956 shares transferred to his children who reached the age of majority.
- (4) Dividend Reinvestment.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/20/01.
- (6) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/02.
- (7) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/03.
- (8) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/16/04.
- (9) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/20/04.

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