

WU PETER

Form 4

January 05, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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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)

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2006

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

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice Chairman/COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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	01/03/2006		M		6,500	A	\$ 11.3893
Common Stock							779,654
Common Stock							32,452
							Wu Trust
							Spouse as cust. for children

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 of Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 11.3893	01/03/2006		M	6,500	07/20/2000 01/19/2006	Common Stock 0
Stock Option	\$ 22.0075					01/01/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 01/17/2011	Common Stock 426,674
Stock Option	\$ 28.695					02/19/2005 ⁽²⁾ 02/19/2014	Common Stock 100,000
Stock Option	\$ 37					02/17/2006 ⁽³⁾ 02/17/2015	Common Stock 72,170

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WU PETER 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	X Executive Vice Chairman/COO

Signatures

Peter Wu 01/05/2006
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) The option is fully exercisable.

(2) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/19/05.

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

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