

TARTAGLIA THOMAS G  
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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 \*  
 TARTAGLIA THOMAS G  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/30/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)  
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

777 NORTH BROADWAY  
 (Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/30/2005	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	155	A	\$ 32.1909	13,790 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	01/25/2005	Â	J <sup>(3)</sup>	170.162	A	\$ 32.992	63,348.054 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	T. Tartaglia Trust
Common Stock	04/26/2005	Â	J <sup>(3)</sup>	186.028	A	\$ 30.26	63,348.054 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	T. Tartaglia Trust

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Common Stock	07/20/2005	Â	J <sup>(3)</sup>	171.578	A	\$ 32.9061	63,348.054 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	T. Tartaglia Trust
Common Stock	10/25/2005	Â	J <sup>(3)</sup>	173.635	A	\$ 32.6053	63,348.054 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	T. Tartaglia Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	835 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â

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)		
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.625	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/20/2005 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/20/2010	Common Stock	400
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/18/2005 <sup>(6)</sup>	01/18/2011	Common Stock	800
Stock Option	\$ 16.275	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2005 <sup>(7)</sup>	01/21/2012	Common Stock	1,200
Stock Option	\$ 19.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/16/2005 <sup>(8)</sup>	01/16/2013	Common Stock	3,040
Stock Option	\$ 24.8	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/20/2004 <sup>(9)</sup>	11/20/2013	Common Stock	11,000
Stock Option	\$ 37	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/17/2006 <sup>(10)</sup>	02/17/2015	Common Stock	3,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

TARTAGLIA THOMAS G  
777 NORTH BROADWAY     X     X     X  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

## Signatures

Thomas G.                             02/08/2006  
Tartaglia

         \*\*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) ESOP Earning Allocation.
- (2) Distribution from ESOP on 12/19/05.
- (3) Dividend Reinvestment.
- (4) 583 shares transferred from his direct ownings.
- (5) The option is fully exercisable.
- (6) The option vests in 2 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/05.
- (7) The option vests in 3 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/05.
- (8) The option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/16/05.
- (9) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/20/04.
- (10) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/17/06.

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