#### TANG ANTHONY M

Form 5

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5

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

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Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer TANG ANTHONY M Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) [CATY] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) \_X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify \_X\_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2004 Senior EVP 777 NORTH BROADWAY (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line)

### LOS ANGELES, CAÂ 90012

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-Do	erivative Sec	curitie	s Acquired	l, 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)  (A) or Amount (D) Price		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)	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	350,584 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Common Stock	12/31/2004	Â	J(2)	793 (1)	A	\$ 31.21 (1)	81,489 (1)	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	80,322 (1) (3)	I	As custodian for children
	01/21/2004	Â	J <u>(4)</u>		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 <u>(4)</u>	531.528 (1)	A	\$ 31.72 (1)	242,547.218 (1)	I	By spouse
Common Stock	07/20/2004	Â	J <u>(4)</u>	546.272 (1)	A	\$ 30.933 (1)	242,547.218 (1)	I	By spouse
Common Stock	10/22/2004	Â	<u>J(4)</u>	607.35	A	\$ 35.852	242,547.218 (1)	I	By spouse
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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)	Number 1		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.625 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/20/2001(5)	01/20/2010	Common Stock	23,000 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/18/2002(6)	01/18/2011	Common Stock	26,360 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 16.275 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2003(7)	02/21/2012	Common Stock	26,000 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 19.925 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/16/2004(8)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	47,500 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 24.8 <u>(1)</u>	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/20/2004(9)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	105,140 (1)

# **Reporting Owners**

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

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TANG ANTHONY M Â
777 NORTH BROADWAY Â X Â Senior Â
LOS ANGELES, CAÂ 90012 EVP

## **Signatures**

Anthony M. Tang 02/03/2005

\*\*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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