## TANG ANTHONY M

Form 5

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### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5

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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) 777 NORTH	(First)  BROADW A	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2005	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior EVP
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  (check applicable line)
LOS ANGEL	ES, CAÂ	90012		_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person

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(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. Securitie Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or		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	D	Â		
Common Stock	12/30/2005	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	952	A	\$ 32.1909	82,441	I	By ESOP		
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	80,322	I	As custodian for children		

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Common Stock	01/25/2005	Â	J(2)	661.661 A	\$ 32.992	245,274.57	I	By spouse
Common Stock	04/26/2005	Â	J(2)	723.355 A	\$ 30.26	245,274.57	I	By spouse
Common Stock	07/20/2005	Â	J(2)	667.168 A	\$ 32.9061	245,274.57	I	By spouse
Common Stock	10/25/2005	Â	J(2)	676.167 A	\$ 32.6053	245,274.57	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)		vative urities uired or oosed O) r. 3,	(Month/Day/Year) ive es ed		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.625	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/20/2001(3)	01/20/2010	Common Stock	23,000
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/18/2002(4)	01/18/2011	Common Stock	26,360
Stock Option	\$ 16.275	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2003(5)	02/21/2012	Common Stock	26,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/16/2004(6)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	47,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.8	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/20/2004(7)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	105,140
Stock Option	\$ 37	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/17/2006(8)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	39,820

# **Reporting Owners**

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

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## **Signatures**

Anthony M. Tang 02/08/2006

\*\*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) Dividend Reinvestment.
- (3) The option is fully exercisable.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/02.
- (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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