FAT WING K Form 5

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1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

LOS ANGELES, Â CAÂ 90012

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(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Acquired (A) or (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Form: Direct Indirect Security Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned at end Indirect (I) Ownership of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Fiscal Year (A) (Instr. 3 and or (D) Price Amount Common Â Â Â Â Â Â Â $2,800^{(1)}$ D Stock Family Common Â 08/30/2004 G 100⁽¹⁾ D \$0 210,388 (1) Stock Trust Frank Fat Common Â Â Â Â Â Â Inc. -264,524 (1) Stock President Â Â Â Â Â Â Common $20,060^{(1)}$ I Frank Fat

Stock Properties - V.P.

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)				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 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/20/2005(2)	01/20/2010	Common Stock	1,000 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/18/2002(3)	01/18/2011	Common Stock	2,000 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 16.275 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2003(4)	02/21/2012	Common Stock	2,000 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 19.925 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/16/2004(5)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	3,800 (1)
Stock Option	\$ 24.8 (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/20/2004(6)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	11,000 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
FAT WING K 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		

Signatures

Wing K. Fat	02/03/2005			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

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- * 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) 600 shares exercisable, balance of the option vests in 1 installment beginning 1/20/05.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/02.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/03.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/16/04.
- (6) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1120/04.

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