

TARTAGLIA THOMAS G

Form 4

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

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 TARTAGLIA THOMAS G

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/25/2006

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
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 Person

(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 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)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price
Common Stock					64,349.25 ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	I	T. Tartaglia Trust
Common Stock					13,635	I	By ESOP

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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 (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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.625					01/20/2005 ⁽³⁾ 01/20/2010	Common Stock 400
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475					01/18/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/18/2011	Common Stock 800
Stock Option	\$ 16.275					02/21/2005 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/21/2012	Common Stock 1,200
Stock Option	\$ 19.925					01/16/2005 ⁽⁶⁾ 01/16/2013	Common Stock 3,040
Stock Option	\$ 24.8					11/20/2004 ⁽⁷⁾ 11/20/2013	Common Stock 11,000
Stock Option	\$ 37					02/17/2006 ⁽⁸⁾ 02/17/2015	Common Stock 3,500
Stock Option	\$ 36.24	01/25/2006		A	3,500	01/25/2007 ⁽⁹⁾ 01/25/2016	Common Stock 3,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TARTAGLIA THOMAS G 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	X			

Signatures

Thomas G.
Tartaglia

01/27/2006

**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) Includes 166.19 shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment year-to-date.
- (2) Since the reporting person's last report, 835 shares under his name were transferred to his Trust.
- (3) The option is fully exercisable.
- (4) The option vests in 2 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/05.
- (5) The option vests in 3 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/05.
- (6) The option vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/16/05.
- (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.
- (9) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/25/07.

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