#### TARTAGLIA THOMAS G

Form 5

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Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer TARTAGLIA THOMAS G 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, 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 Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned at Direct (D) Ownership end of or Indirect (Instr. 4) Issuer's (I) Fiscal Year (Instr. 4) (A) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Amount (D) Common \$31.21 Â J(1) $14,470^{(2)}$ 12/31/2004 135 (2) A By ESOP Stock (2) T. Common 135.418 \$ 31.72 62,376.78 04/20/2004 Â J(3)I Tartaglia A Stock (2) (2) (2)(4)Trust \$ T. Common 139.174 62,376.78 Â 07/20/2004 J(3)30.933 Tartaglia (2) (2)(4)Stock (2) Trust

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Common Stock	10/22/2004	Â	<u>J(3)</u>	154.734	A	\$ 35.852	62,376.78 (2) (4)	I	Tartaglia Trust

## 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 prities uired por posed ()) r. 3,	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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.625 (2)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/20/2005(5)	01/20/2010	Common Stock	400 (2)
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475 (2)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/18/2005(6)	01/18/2011	Common Stock	800 (2)
Stock Option	\$ 16.275 (2)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2005(7)	01/21/2012	Common Stock	1,200 (2)
Stock Option	\$ 19.925 (2)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/16/2005(8)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	3,040 (2)
Stock Option	\$ 24.8 (2)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/20/2004(9)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	11,000 (2)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·F. · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
TARTAGLIA THOMAS G 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	ÂΧ	Â	Â	Â		

## **Signatures**

Thomas G.	02/02/2005
Tartaglia	02/03/2005

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\*\*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) ESOP Earning Allocation.
- (2) Adjusted to reflect a 2-for-1 stock split effective 9/28/04.
- (3) Dividend Reinvestment.
- (4) 583 shares transferred from his direct ownings.
- (5) The option vests in 1 equal annual installments beginning 1/20/05.
- (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.

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