TARTAGLIA THOMAS G

Form 5

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Form 4

Transactions Reported

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) 777 NORTH I	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)		

LOS ANGELES, CAÂ 90012

(State)

(City)

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-De	rivative Sec	urities	Acquired	, Disposed of, o	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 or Disposec (Instr. 3, 4 a	(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	12/31/2004	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	Amount 135 (2)	(D)	Price \$ 31.21 (2)	14,470 (2)	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	04/20/2004	Â	J <u>(3)</u>	135.418 (2)	A	\$ 31.72 (2)	62,376.78 (2) (4)	I	T. Tartaglia Trust
Common Stock	07/20/2004	Â	J <u>(3)</u>	139.174 (2)	A	\$ 30.933 (2)	62,376.78 (2) (4)	I	T. Tartaglia Trust

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	eport on a separate lineficially owned direct			-			tion of inforn		SEC 2270 (9-02)
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

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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) 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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