

FAT WING K  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FAT WING K

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/17/2004

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

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					2,800 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		G	V 25,000 D \$ 0	210,488 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Family Trust
Common Stock					264,524 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Frank Fat Inc. - President
Common Stock					20,060 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Frank Fat Properties - Vice President

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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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.625					01/20/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/20/2010	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475					01/18/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/18/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option	\$ 16.275					02/21/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/21/2012	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.925					01/16/2004 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/16/2013	Common Stock	3,800
Stock Option	\$ 24.8					11/20/2004 <sup>(6)</sup> 11/20/2013	Common Stock	11,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Wing K. Fat 11/26/2004  
 \*\*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) Shares increased via a 2-for-1 split on 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 11/20/04.

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