LEVINE STANLEY

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LEVINE STANLEY Issuer Symbol CORNERSTONE BANCORP INC (Check all applicable) [cbn] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 57 HEMLOCK DR 12/27/2005 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting STAMFORD, CT 06902 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Beneficial Disposed of (D) (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 525 D Stock Common Joint with 4,497 I Stock wife

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.99	12/27/2005	12/27/2005	D	3,02: (1)	5 02/21/1996	02/21/2006	Common stock	3,025
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.4	12/27/2005	12/27/2005	D	303 (1)	05/21/1997	05/21/2007	Common Stock	303
Director stock option (right to buy)	\$ 17.25	12/27/2005	12/27/2005	D	303 (1)	05/20/1998	05/20/2008	Common Stock	303
Director Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 13.64	12/27/2005	12/27/2005	D	275 (1)	05/19/1999	05/19/2009	Common Stock	275
Director stock option (right to buy)	\$ 10.91	12/27/2005	12/27/2005	D	275 (1)	05/17/2000	05/17/2010	Common Stock	275
Director stock option (right to buy)	\$ 12.82	12/27/2005	12/27/2005	D	275 (1)	05/16/2001	05/16/2011	Common Stock	275
Director stock	\$ 17.82	12/27/2005	12/27/2005	D	275 (1)	05/15/2002	05/15/2012	Common Stock	275

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option (right to buy)									
Director stock option (right to buy)	\$ 18	12/27/2005	12/27/2005	D	250 (1)	05/21/2003	05/21/2013	Common stock	250
Director stock option (right to buy)	\$ 25.46	12/27/2005	12/27/2005	D	250 (1)	05/26/2004	05/26/2014	Common Stock	250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LEVINE STANLEY	37					
57 HEMLOCK DR	X					
STAMFORD, CT 06902						

Signatures

Leigh A. Hardisty as power of attorney 12/29/2005

**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).
- In accordance with the provisions of the Issuer's 1996 Stock Plan, in anticipation of the Issuer's merger with NewAlliance Bancshares, on January 2, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer on December 27, 2005, approved the purchase of all outstanding options by the Issuer at a price per share equal to the difference between the option exercise price and \$36.69, the price of the Issuer's common stock at the close of business on December 23, 2005, the prior business day.

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