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March 18, 2005

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 18, 2005

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-18630	95-4274680
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90012
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On March 18, 2005, Cathay General Bancorp announced that its Board of Directors has approved the repurchase of up to an aggregate of one million shares of its common stock following completion of its current stock buyback authorization. Information about this new repurchase authorization and the company's current stock buyback authorization is set forth in a press release dated March 18, 2005. That press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated March 18, 2005.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 18, 2005

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

Heng W. Chen
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Exhibit
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