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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): October 3, 2003

CATHAY BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-18630 95-4274680 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer incorporation) 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)

Item 5. Other Events.

On October 3, 2003, Cathay Bancorp, Inc. and GBC Bancorp jointly issued a press release announcing (a) an extension of the election deadline for shareholders of GBC Bancorp to submit their properly completed and executed Letters of Transmittal/Election Forms in connection with the proposed merger between Cathay Bancorp, Inc. and GBC Bancorp, (b) receipt of approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the merger of Cathay Bank and General Bank, and (c) the designation of three current directors of GBC Bancorp by Cathay Bancorp, Inc. to join the Cathay General Bancorp board immediately following the completion of the merger. A copy of the joint press release issued by Cathay Bancorp, Inc. and GBC Bancorp is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 3, 2003.

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: October 3, 2003

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By: /s/ Dunson K. Cheng

Dunson K. Cheng

Chairman and President

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number Exhibit
----99.1 Press Release, dated October 3, 2003.