

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
March 06, 2007

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

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**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 6, 2007**

**CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)*

**0-18630**  
*(Commission  
File Number)*

**95-4274680**  
*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

**777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**90012**  
*(Zip Code)*

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

**Not Applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On March 6, 2007, Cathay General Bancorp announced that it had completed its current stock repurchase program and that its Board of Directors has approved a new program to repurchase up to an aggregate of one million shares of Cathay General Bancorp common stock. Information about this new repurchase program and the company's current stock repurchase program is set forth in a press release dated March 6, 2007. That press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits*

99.1 Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated March 6, 2007.

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**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 6, 2007

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

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Heng W. Chen  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated March 6, 2007.