

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
January 31, 2012

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): January 30, 2012

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)

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 January 30, 2012, Cathay General Bancorp announced, in a press release, the death of Mr. Thomas G. Tartaglia. Mr. Tartaglia had served as a director on the Cathay General Bancorp's Board of Directors since 1990 and on Cathay Bank's Board of Directors since 1986. He was also a member of the Cathay General Bancorp board's Audit and Risk Management Committee. That press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The foregoing information and the attached exhibit are intended to be furnished only and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall they be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated January 30, 2012.

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: January 30, 2012

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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