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Form 8-K  
November 10, 2005

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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): November 10, 2005

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

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| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 0-18630<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 95-4274680<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California<br>(Address of principal executive offices) | 90012<br>(Zip Code) |
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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:

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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))

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On November 10, 2005, Cathay General Bancorp issued in a press release in response to statements made by Great Eastern Bank in connection with Cathay General Bancorp's previously announced proposal to acquire Great Eastern Bank. This press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

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(c) Exhibits

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99.1 Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated November 10, 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: November 10, 2005

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

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Heng W. Chen  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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