

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
March 06, 2007

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 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)

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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.

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

Heng W. Chen
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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