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Form 8-K February 28, 2005

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): February 28, 2005

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

(b) On February 28, 2005, Cathay General Bancorp announced that Mr. Wing K. Fat, a Director of Cathay General Bancorp, died on February 25, 2005. A copy of the press release publicly announcing Mr. Fat's passing is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

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ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press Release dated February 28, 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: February 28, 2005

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

Heng W. Chen Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer