

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
November 19, 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): November 16, 2007

**CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 0-18630                  | 95-4274680                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>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:

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  - 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 16, 2007, Cathay General Bancorp announced that its Board of Directors has approved a new program to repurchase up to an aggregate of one million additional shares of Cathay General Bancorp common stock. Information about this new repurchase program is set forth in a press release dated November 16, 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 November 16, 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: November 16, 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**

Number Exhibit

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