

READER PAUL H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
READER PAUL H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CORNERSTONE BANCORP INC  
[cbn]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
181 CARTER ST  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/13/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	07/13/2005	07/13/2005	M		23,595	A	\$ 8.678	
Common Stock	07/13/2005	07/13/2005	M		1,513	A	\$ 8.988	
Common Stock	07/13/2005	07/13/2005	M		7,865	A	\$ 8.678	
Common Stock							1,210	
Common Stock							885 <sup>(2)</sup>	
								Joint with wife
								Custodian for minor

Common Stock	10,398 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By trust for which he is trustee
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 8.678	07/13/2005	07/13/2005	M		7,865		07/19/1995	07/19/2005	Common Stock	7,865
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 8.988	07/13/2005	07/13/2005	M		1,513		02/21/1996	02/21/2006	Common Stock	1,513
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 8.678	07/13/2005	07/13/2005	M		23,595		07/19/1995	07/19/2005	Common Stock	23,595
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 12.397							05/21/1997	05/21/2007	Common Stock	1,513
Employee Stock Option - right to	\$ 16.012							12/31/1997	12/31/2007	Common Stock	14,520

buy						
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 14.545	01/02/2002	01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,100	
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 20.3	01/02/2004	01/02/2014	Common Stock	2,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
READER PAUL H 181 CARTER ST NEW CANAAN, CT 06840	X		Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Leigh A.  
Hardisty

07/13/2005

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Approximately 0.74 fractional shares of common stock were converted to cash as a result of the termination of the Bancorp's plan for the reinvestment of dividends in May 2005.
- (2) Approximately 0.837 fractional shares of common stock were converted to cash as a result of the termination of the Bancorp's plan for the investment of dividends in May 2005.
- (3) Approximately 0.83 fractional shares of common stock were converted to cash as a result of the termination of the Bancorp's plan for the reinvestment of dividends in May 2005.

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