

HARDISTY LEIGH A
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
 HARDISTY LEIGH A

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)
 80 STAPLES ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/27/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President & Secretary

EASTON, CT 06612
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock				V	7,875	D	

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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.988	12/27/2005		D	303 <u>(1)</u>	02/21/1996 02/21/2006	Common Stock	303
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.397	12/27/2005		D	303 <u>(1)</u>	05/21/1997 05/21/2007	Common Stock	303
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.012	12/27/2005		D	4,840 <u>(1)</u>	12/31/1997 12/31/2007	Common Stock	4,840

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARDISTY LEIGH A 80 STAPLES ROAD EASTON, CT 06612			Vice President & Secretary	

Signatures

Leigh A.
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12/29/2005

**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) In accordance with the provisions of the Issuer's 1996 Stock Plan, in anticipation of the Issuer's merger with NewAlliance Bancshares, Inc. on January 2, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer on December 27, 2005 approved the

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purchase of all outstanding options by the Issuer at a price per share equal to the difference between the option exercise price and \$36.69, the price of the Issuer's common stock at the close of business on December 23, 2005, the prior business day.

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