

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC
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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 *
FARAHI BEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [mcri]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CFO

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC, 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE 200

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RENO, NV 89509

(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	02/22/2005		S	16,300 D \$ 39.0515	1,457,027	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2005		S	9,700 D \$ 38.2241	1,447,327	D	
Common Stock					599,216	I	Trustee of the Jila Farahi Trust ⁽¹⁾

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option/Right to Buy	\$ 23.37			V	(A)	(2) 10/21/2014	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARAHİ BEN MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE 200 RENO, NV 89509	X	X	CFO	

Signatures

Ben Farahi 02/24/2005

**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).

Mr. Ben Farahi owns an additional 599,216 shares of shared voting power common stock of Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. ("Monarch") listed under the Jila Farahi Trust. Mr. Ben Farahi is a trustee of the Jila Farahi Trust. Jila Farahi is the sister of Mr. Ben Farahi but is not a director, officer or 10% owner of Monarch.

On October 21, 2004, Mr. Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended, to purchase 50,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$23.37 per share. The shares will vest as follows: 16,666 shares on October 21, 2005; 16,666 shares on October 21, 2006; 16,667 shares on October 21, 2007.

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