

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC
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**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 *
FARAHI BEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**MONARCH CASINO & RESORT
 INC, 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE
 200**

(Street)

RENO, NV 89509

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common stock	03/14/2006		S		20,000 D \$ 27.9097	2,469,654	D
Common stock	03/15/2006		S		10,000 D \$ 27.95	2,469,654	D
Common stock	03/16/2006		S		17,000 D \$ 28.0224	2,469,654	D
Common stock						2,469,654	D
						941,232	I

Common
stock

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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option / right to buy	\$ 11.685					⁽²⁾	10/21/2014	Common stock	100,000
Option / right to buy	\$ 18.06					⁽³⁾	10/21/2015	Common stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Ben Farahi 03/16/2006

**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 941,232 shares of shared voting power common stock of Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. ("Monarch")
(1) listed under the Jila Farahi Trust. Mr. Ben Farahi is a trustee of the Jila Farahi Trust. Jila Farahi is the sister of Ben Farahi but is not a director, officer or 10% owner of Monarch.

On October 21, 2004, Mr. Ben Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as
(2) amended, to purchase 100,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$11.685 per share. The shares vest as follows: 33,332 shares vested on October 21, 2005; 33,334 shares vest on October 21, 2006; 33,334 shares vest on October 21, 2007.

On October 21, 2005, Mr. Ben Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as
(3) amended, to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$18.06 per share. All the options under this award vest on October 21, 2008.

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