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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)\*

Spirit Finance Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

848568309

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2005

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Farallon Capital Partners, L.P.

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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
California

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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF -0-  
-----  
6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 2,914,200  
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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH -0-  
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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
2,914,200

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
2,914,200

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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

[ ]

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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4.3%

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
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Farallon Capital Institutional Partners, L.P.

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|              |  |   |                          |
|--------------|--|---|--------------------------|
|              |  | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| NUMBER OF    |  |   | -0-                      |
| SHARES       |  | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| BENEFICIALLY |  |   | 2,350,200                |
| OWNED BY     |  | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| EACH         |  |   | -0-                      |
| REPORTING    |  | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| PERSON WITH  |  |   | 2,350,200                |

9

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
2,350,200

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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [ ]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
3.5%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
PN

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
California

|              |   |                          |
|--------------|---|--------------------------|
|              |   | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| NUMBER OF    | 5 | -0-                      |
| SHARES       |   |                          |
| BENEFICIALLY | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| OWNED BY     |   | 236,100                  |
| EACH         | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| REPORTING    |   | -0-                      |
| PERSON WITH  |   |                          |
|              | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|              |   | 236,100                  |

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
236,100  
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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [ ]  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
0.3%  
-----  
12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
PN  
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Farallon Capital Institutional Partners III, L.P.  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF 5 -0-  
-----  
6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 6 277,500  
-----  
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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REPORTING PERSON WITH -----  
 -0-  
 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
 8  
 277,500  
 -----  
 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 277,500  
 -----  
 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
 CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [ ]  
 -----  
 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 0.4%  
 -----  
 12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
 PN  
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 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
 New York  
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 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
 NUMBER OF SHARES -----  
 -0-  
 -----  
 SHARED VOTING POWER

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|  |   |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 6   | 110,900                  |
|  | 7   | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|  |   | -0-                      |
|  | 8   | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|  |   | 110,900                  |
| -----  |   |                          |
| 9  | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON                        |                          |
|  | 110,900   |                          |
| -----  |   |                          |
| 10   | CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) |                          |
|  | [ ]   |                          |
| -----  |   |                          |
| 11   | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)                                   |                          |
|  | 0.2%  |                          |
| -----  |   |                          |
| 12   | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)   |                          |
|  | PN  |                          |

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| 1     | NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  |  |
|       | I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)          |  |
|       | Farallon Partners, L.L.C.   |  |
| ----- |   |  |
| 2     | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) |  |
|       | (a) [ ]   |  |
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| 4     | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION                                |  |
|       | Delaware  |  |

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                    SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF          5          -0-
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY      6          SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY          5,888,900
EACH              7          SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING         7          -0-
PERSON WITH      8          SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
                    5,888,900
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9          AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
          5,888,900
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10         CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
          CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)
                                     [   ]
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11         PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
          8.7%
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12         TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)
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          Chun R. Ding
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4 United States  
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SOLE VOTING POWER  
5  
NUMBER OF -0-  
-----  
SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 6 5,888,900  
-----  
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
EACH 7  
REPORTING PERSON WITH -0-  
-----  
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
8 5,888,900  
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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
9 5,888,900  
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CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
10 CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [ ]  
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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
11 8.7%  
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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
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William F. Duhamel  
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| 4            | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  |
|              | United States   |
| =====        |   |
|              | SOLE VOTING POWER   |
| 5            | -0-   |
| NUMBER OF    | -----   |
|              | SHARED VOTING POWER   |
| 6            | 5,888,900   |
| SHARES       | -----   |
| BENEFICIALLY | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  |
| OWNED BY     | 7   |
| EACH         | -0-   |
| REPORTING    | -----   |
| PERSON WITH  | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  |
| 8            | 5,888,900   |
| =====        |   |
| 9            | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON                        |
|              | 5,888,900   |
| =====        |   |
| 10           | CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) |
|              | [ ]   |
| =====        |   |
| 11           | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)                                   |
|              | 8.7%  |
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| 12           | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)   |
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| 1     | NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS                                 |
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|       | Charles E. Ellwein   |

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      United States
=====
                    SOLE VOTING POWER
      NUMBER OF          5          -0-
      SHARES
      BENEFICIALLY      6          SHARED VOTING POWER
      OWNED BY          5,888,900
      EACH
      REPORTING        7          SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
      PERSON WITH      -0-
                    SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
      8          5,888,900
=====
9      AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
      5,888,900
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10     CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
      CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)
                                [   ]
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11     PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
      8.7%
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      IN
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Richard B. Fried  
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United States  
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|--------------|---|--------------------------|
|              | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| NUMBER OF    |   | -0-                      |
| SHARES       |   | -----                    |
| BENEFICIALLY | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| OWNED BY     |   | 5,888,900                |
| EACH         |   | -----                    |
| REPORTING    | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| PERSON WITH  |   | -0-                      |
|              |   | -----                    |
|              | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|              |   | 5,888,900                |

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
5,888,900  
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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [ ]  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
  
8.7%  
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Monica R. Landry  
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|                       | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| NUMBER OF             |   | -0-                      |
| SHARES                | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY |   | 5,888,900                |
| EACH                  | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| REPORTING PERSON WITH |   | -0-                      |
|                       | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|                       |   | 5,888,900                |

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
5,888,900  
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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)  
  
[ ]  
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8.7%  
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William F. Mellin

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|              |  | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| NUMBER OF    |  |   | -0-                      |
| SHARES       |  |   | -----                    |
| BENEFICIALLY |  | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| OWNED BY     |  |   | 5,888,900                |
| EACH         |  |   | -----                    |
| REPORTING    |  | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| PERSON WITH  |  |   | -0-                      |
|              |  |   | -----                    |
|              |  | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|              |  |   | 5,888,900                |

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 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,888,900

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 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

[ ]

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 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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Stephen L. Millham

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|   |  | 5   | SOLE VOTING POWER                     |
|---|--|-----|---------------------------------------|
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH |  | -0- |                                       |
|   |  | 6   | SHARED VOTING POWER<br>5,888,900      |
|   |  | 7   | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>-0-         |
|   |  | 8   | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>5,888,900 |

9

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
5,888,900

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 Jason E. Moment [See Preliminary Note]  
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|--------------|---|--------------------------|
|              |   | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| NUMBER OF    | 5 | -0-                      |
| SHARES       |   |                          |
| BENEFICIALLY | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| OWNED BY     |   | 5,888,900                |
| EACH         |   |                          |
| REPORTING    | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| PERSON WITH  |   | -0-                      |
|              |   | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |



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8

5,888,900

=====
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

5,888,900

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CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

10

[ ]

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

8.7%

=====
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

12

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Rajiv A. Patel

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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

2

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(b) [ X ]\*\*

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

United States

=====
5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

5

-0-

=====
6 SHARED VOTING POWER

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

6

5,888,900

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EACH                               SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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REPORTING                           -0-
PERSON WITH                          -----
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                                     SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
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1
NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Derek C. Schrier
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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)
(a) [ ]
(b) [ X ]**

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SOLE VOTING POWER

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|              | 5   | -0-                      |
| NUMBER OF    |   |                          |
| =====        |   |                          |
| SHARES       |   | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| BENEFICIALLY | 6   | 5,888,900                |
| OWNED BY     |   |                          |
| =====        |   |                          |
| EACH         |   | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|              | 7   | -0-                      |
| REPORTING    |   |                          |
| PERSON WITH  |   | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|              | 8   | 5,888,900                |
| =====        |   |                          |
| 9            | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON                        |                          |
|              | 5,888,900   |                          |
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| 10           | CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) |                          |
|              | [ ]   |                          |
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| 11           | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)                                   |                          |
|              | 8.7%  |                          |
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| 12           | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)   |                          |
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|---|--|
| 1 | NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS                                 |
|   | I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) |
|   | Thomas F. Steyer   |

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|   |   |
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| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) |
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      United States
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      SOLE VOTING POWER
      5      -0-
      NUMBER OF
      SHARES
      BENEFICIALLY
      OWNED BY
      6      5,888,900
      EACH
      7      SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
      REPORTING
      PERSON WITH
      8      SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
      5,888,900
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9      AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
      5,888,900
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10     CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
      CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)
      [ ]
=====
11     PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
      8.7%
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12     TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)
      IN
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1      NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
      I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

      Mark C. Wehrly
=====
      CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)
      (a) [ ]
      (b) [ X ]**
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|              | United States   |
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|              | SOLE VOTING POWER   |
| 5            |   |
| NUMBER OF    | -0-   |
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|              | SHARED VOTING POWER   |
| 6            |   |
| BENEFICIALLY | 5,888,900   |
| OWNED BY     |   |
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|              | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  |
| 7            |   |
| EACH         | -0-   |
| -----        |   |
|              | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  |
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| REPORTING    | 5,888,900   |
| PERSON WITH  |   |
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| 11           | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)                                   |
|              | 8.7%  |
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| 12           | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)   |
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This Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13G amends the Schedule 13G initially filed on December 29, 2004 (collectively, with all amendments thereto, the "Schedule 13G").

Preliminary Note: This Amendment reports that effective on January 1, 2006 Jason E. Moment became a managing member of Farallon Partners, L.L.C., a Reporting Person listed below, and as such may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the securities beneficially owned by such entity as of such date.

Item 1. Issuer

(a) Name of Issuer:

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Spirit Finance Corporation (the "Company")

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
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14631 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 200, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254

Item 2. Identity And Background  
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Title Of Class Of Securities And CUSIP Number (Item 2(d) and (e))  
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This statement relates to shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), of the Company. The CUSIP number of the Shares is 848568309.

Name Of Persons Filing, Address Of Principal Business Office And  
-----  
Citizenship (Item 2(a), (b) and (c))  
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This statement is filed by the entities and persons listed below, all of whom together are referred to herein as the "Reporting Persons."

The Farallon Funds  
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- (i) Farallon Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership ("FCP"), with respect to the Shares held by it;
- (ii) Farallon Capital Institutional Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership ("FCIP"), with respect to the Shares held by it;
- (iii) Farallon Capital Institutional Partners II, L.P., a California limited partnership ("FCIP II"), with respect to the Shares held by it;
- (iv) Farallon Capital Institutional Partners III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("FCIP III"), with respect to the Shares held by it; and

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- (v) Tincum Partners, L.P., a New York limited partnership ("Tincum"), with respect to the Shares held by it.

FCP, FCIP, FCIP II, FCIP III and Tincum are together referred to herein as the "Farallon Funds."

The Farallon General Partner  
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- (vi) Farallon Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited

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liability company which is the general partner of each of the Farallon Funds (the "Farallon General Partner"), with respect to the Shares held by each of the Farallon Funds.

The Farallon Managing Members  
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- (vii) The following persons who are managing members of the Farallon General Partner, with respect to the Shares held by the Farallon Funds: Chun R. Ding ("Ding"), William F. Duhamel ("Duhamel"), Charles E. Ellwein ("Ellwein"), Richard B. Fried ("Fried"), Monica R. Landry ("Landry"), William F. Mellin ("Mellin"), Stephen L. Millham ("Millham"), Jason E. Moment ("Moment"), Rajiv A. Patel ("Patel"), Derek C. Schrier ("Schrier"), Thomas F. Steyer ("Steyer") and Mark C. Wehrly ("Wehrly").

Ding, Duhamel, Ellwein, Fried, Landry, Mellin, Millham, Moment, Patel, Schrier, Steyer and Wehrly are together referred to herein as the "Farallon Individual Reporting Persons."

The citizenship of each of the Farallon Funds and the Farallon General Partner is set forth above. Each of the Farallon Individual Reporting Persons is a citizen of the United States. The address of the principal business office of each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C., One Maritime Plaza, Suite 1325, San Francisco, California 94111.

Item 3. If This Statement Is Filed Pursuant To Sections 240.13d-1(b) or  
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240.13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether The Person Filing Is An Entity  
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Specified In (a) - (j):  
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Not Applicable.

If This Statement Is Filed Pursuant To Section 240.13d-1(c), Check This  
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Box. [X]  
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Item 4. Ownership  
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The information required by Items 4(a) - (c) and set forth in Rows 5 through 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person hereto is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

The Shares reported hereby for the Farallon Funds are owned directly by the Farallon Funds. The Farallon General Partner, as general partner to the Farallon Funds, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all such Shares owned by the Farallon Funds. The Farallon

Individual Reporting Persons, as managing members of the Farallon General Partner with the power to exercise investment discretion, may each be deemed to

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be the beneficial owner of all such Shares owned by the Farallon Funds. Each of the Farallon General Partner and the Farallon Individual Reporting Persons hereby disclaims any beneficial ownership of any such Shares.

Item 5. Ownership Of Five Percent Or Less Of A Class  
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Not Applicable.

Item 6. Ownership Of More Than Five Percent On Behalf Of Another Person  
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Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification And Classification Of The Subsidiary Which Acquired The  
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Security Being Reported On By The Parent Holding Company  
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Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification And Classification Of Members Of The Group  
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The Reporting Persons are filing this Schedule 13G pursuant to Section 240.13d-1(c). Consistent with Item 2 of the cover page for each Reporting Person above, the Reporting Persons neither disclaim nor affirm the existence of a group among them.

Item 9. Notice Of Dissolution Of Group  
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Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification  
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By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.



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SIGNATURES

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 27, 2006

/s/ Monica R. Landry

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FARALLON PARTNERS, L.L.C.,  
On its own behalf and  
as the General Partner of  
FARALLON CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS II, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS III, L.P.,  
and TINICUM PARTNERS, L.P.  
By Monica R. Landry,  
Managing Member

/s/ Monica R. Landry

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Monica R. Landry, individually and as attorney-in-fact for  
each of Chun R. Ding, William F. Duhamel, Charles E. Ellwein,  
Richard B. Fried, William F. Mellin, Stephen L. Millham, Jason E.  
Moment, Rajiv A. Patel, Derek C. Schrier, Thomas F. Steyer and  
Mark C. Wehrly

The Powers of Attorney, each executed by Duhamel, Fried, Mellin, Millham, Steyer and Wehrly authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13G on each person's behalf, which were filed with Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 16, 2003, by such Reporting Persons with respect to the Common Stock of New World Restaurant Group, Inc., are hereby incorporated by reference. The Powers of Attorney executed by Ding and Schrier authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13G on each person's behalf, which were filed with Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 2, 2003, by such Reporting Person with respect to the Common Stock of Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., are hereby incorporated by reference. The Powers of Attorney executed by Ellwein and Patel authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13G on each person's behalf, which were filed with Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 8, 2004 by such Reporting Person with respect to the Common Stock of Catalytica Energy Systems, Inc., are hereby incorporated by reference. The Power of Attorney executed by Moment authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13G on his behalf, which was filed with the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 9, 2006, by such Reporting Person with respect to the Common Stock of Vintage Petroleum, Inc., is hereby incorporated by reference.

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EXHIBIT 2

Joint Acquisition Statement Pursuant to  
Section 240.13d-1(k)

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EXHIBIT 2  
to  
SCHEDULE 13G

JOINT ACQUISITION STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(k)  
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The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him, her or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the other entities or persons, except to the extent that he, she or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

Dated: January 27, 2006

/s/ Monica R. Landry  
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FARALLON PARTNERS, L.L.C.,  
On its own behalf and  
as the General Partner of  
FARALLON CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS II, L.P.,  
FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS III, L.P.,  
and TINICUM PARTNERS, L.P.

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By Monica R. Landry,  
Managing Member

/s/ Monica R. Landry  
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