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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

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

Inforte Corporation
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

45677R107
(CUSIP Number)

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61 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y., 10006 (212) 483-7047
(Name, address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices
and Communications)

May 4, 2006
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 45677R107

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Partners Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [X]

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(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY
4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

WC, O

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED []
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		12,301 Shares of Common stock
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		-----
EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		12,301 Shares of Common stock
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

12,301 Shares of Common stock

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.10%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
CO, BD, IA

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 683402200

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Arbitrage Fund

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [X]

(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

New York

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		288,372 Shares of Common stock

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BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
288,372 Shares of Common stock
10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
288,372 Shares of Common stock

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
2.36%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
PN, BD

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 683402200

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Offshore Fund Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [X]
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED []
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 7 SOLE VOTING POWER
53,002 Shares of Common stock
8 SHARED VOTING POWER

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
53,002 Shares of Common stock
10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

53,002 Shares of Common stock

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.43%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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CUSIP NO. 683402200

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Marathon Fund LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [X]

(b) []

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED []
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		190,752 Shares of Common stock
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		-----
EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		190,752 Shares of Common stock
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

190,752 Shares of Common Stock

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
1.56%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

PN

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 683402200

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [X]

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED []
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		127,170 Shares of Common stock
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		-----
EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		127,170 Shares of Common stock
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
127,170 Shares of Common Stock

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
1.04%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
CO

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement refers to the Common Stock of Inforte Corporation, 150 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL., 60601.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Loeb Arbitrage Fund ("LAF"), 61 Broadway, New York, New York, 10006, is a New York limited partnership. It is a registered broker/dealer. Its general partner is Loeb Arbitrage Management, Inc., ("LAM"), a Delaware corporation, with the same address. Its President is Gideon J. King. The other officers of LAM are Thomas L. Kempner, Chairman of the Board, President, Peter A. Tcherepnine, Vice President, Edward J. Campbell, Vice President. Loeb Partners Corporation ("LPC"), 61 Broadway, New York, New York, 10006, is a Delaware corporation. It is a registered broker/dealer and a registered investment adviser. Thomas L. Kempner is its President and a director and its Chief Executive Officer. Norman N. Mintz is a Vice President and also a director. Gideon J. King is Executive Vice President. Loeb Holding Corporation ("LHC"), a Maryland corporation, 61 Broadway, New York, New York, 10006 is the sole stockholder of LAM and LPC. Thomas L. Kempner is its President and a director as well as its Chief Executive Officer and majority stockholder. Norman N. Mintz and Peter A. Tcherepnine are also directors. Loeb Offshore Fund, Ltd., ("LOF") is a Cayman Islands exempted company. Loeb Offshore Management, LLC ("LOM") is a Delaware limited liability company, a registered investment adviser and is wholly owned by Loeb Holding Corporation. It is the investment adviser of LOF. Gideon J. King and Thomas L. Kempner are Directors of LOF and Managers of LOM. Loeb Marathon Fund ("LMF") is a Delaware limited partnership whose general partner is LAM. Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund Ltd. ("LMOF") is a Cayman Islands exempted company. LOM is the investment adviser of LMOF. All of the individuals named are United States

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citizens. None have been, within the last five years, convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding been or are subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Compensation.

Shares of Common Stock were acquired by LAF, LPC, LOF, LMF and LMOF in margin accounts maintained with Bear Stearns Securities Corp.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

LAF, LPC, LOF, LMF and LMOF ("Loeb") have acquired shares of Common Stock for investment purposes. Loeb reserves the right, consistent with applicable law, to acquire additional securities of the Issuer (whether through open market purchases, block trades, private acquisitions, tender or exchange offers or otherwise).

Loeb intends to review its investment in the Issuer on a continuing basis and may engage in discussions with management or the Board of Directors of the Issuer concerning the business and future plans of the Issuer. Depending on various factors, including, without limitation, the Issuer's financial position and investment strategy, the price levels of the Common Stock of the Issuer, conditions in the securities markets and general economic and industry conditions, Loeb may in the future take such actions with respect to its investment in the Issuer as it deems appropriate including, without limitation, seeking Board representations, making proposals to the Issuer concerning the capitalization of the Issuer, purchasing additional Common Stock and other securities of the Issuer, selling some or all of its Common Stock, engaging in short selling of or any hedging or similar transaction with respect to the Common Stock of the Issuer or changing its intention partially or entirely with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) The persons reporting hereby owned the following shares of Common Stock as of May 4, 2006.

	Shares of Common Stock
Loeb Arbitrage Fund	288,372
Loeb Partners Corporation	12,301
Loeb Offshore Fund Ltd.	53,002
Loeb Marathon Fund LP	190,752
Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund Ltd.	127,170

	671,597

The total shares of Common Stock constitutes 5.49% of the 12,242,000 outstanding shares of Common Stock as reported by the issuer.

(b) See paragraph (a) above.

(c) The following purchases of Common Stock have been made in the last sixty (60) days by the following:

Purchases of Common Stock

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Holder	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Partners Corp.	03-10-06	124	\$4.19
	03-13-06	14	4.17
	03-14-06	141	4.13
	03-15-06	143	4.13
	03-17-06	125	4.11
	03-22-06	286	4.13
	03-22-06	157	4.11
	03-27-06	14	4.08
	03-28-06	61	4.12
	03-29-06	21	4.11
	03-29-06	129	4.17
	03-31-06	47	4.16
	04-04-06	36	4.42
	04-05-06	16	4.46
	04-06-06	100	4.52
	04-06-06	3	4.47
	04-07-06	9	4.45
	04-10-06	72	4.47
	04-11-06	45	4.50
	04-11-06	103	4.44
	04-12-06	189	4.52
	04-12-06	27	4.52
	04-13-06	176	4.48
	04-17-06	56	4.46
	04-18-06	389	4.54
	04-19-06	153	4.56
	04-20-06	240	4.65
	04-21-06	67	4.66
	04-24-06	171	4.69
	04-25-06	1375	4.77
	04-26-06	65	4.70
	04-27-06	514	4.68
04-28-06	581	4.70	
05-02-06	2760	4.92	
05-03-06	2365	4.92	
05-04-06	1267	4.91	

Holder	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Arbitrage Fund	03-10-06	2805	\$4.19
	03-13-06	326	4.17
	03-14-06	3204	4.13
	03-15-06	3253	4.13
	03-17-06	2846	4.11
	03-22-06	3578	4.11
	03-22-06	6505	4.13
	03-27-06	326	4.08
	03-28-06	1382	4.12
	03-29-06	2918	4.17
	03-29-06	488	4.12
	03-31-06	1078	4.16
	04-04-06	812	4.42
	04-05-06	357	4.46
	04-06-06	2268	4.52
	04-06-06	63	4.47
	04-07-06	213	4.45
	04-10-06	416	4.47
	04-11-06	1067	4.50
	04-11-06	2443	4.44

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04-12-06	4463	4.52
04-12-06	640	4.52
04-13-06	4172	4.48
04-17-06	1330	4.46
04-18-06	9193	4.54
04-19-06	3618	4.56
04-20-06	5675	4.65
04-21-06	1586	4.66
04-24-06	4057	4.69
04-25-06	32508	4.77
04-26-06	1540	4.70
04-27-06	12148	4.68
04-28-06	13752	4.70
05-02-06	65280	4.92
05-03-06	55945	4.92
05-04-06	29955	4.91

Holder	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Offshore Fund Ltd.	03-10-06	521	\$4.19
	03-13-06	60	4.17
	03-14-06	595	4.13
	03-15-06	604	4.13
	03-17-06	529	4.11
	03-22-06	665	4.13
	03-22-06	1209	4.13
	03-27-06	60	4.08
	03-28-06	257	4.12
	03-29-06	543	4.17
	03-29-06	91	4.12
	03-31-06	300	4.16
	04-04-06	151	4.42
	04-05-06	66	4.46
	04-06-06	422	4.52
	04-06-06	12	4.47
	04-07-06	39	4.45
	04-10-06	159	4.47
	04-11-06	195	4.50
	04-11-06	448	4.44
	04-12-06	817	4.52
	04-12-06	118	4.52
	04-13-06	764	4.48
	04-17-06	244	4.46
	04-18-06	1685	4.54
	04-19-06	663	4.56
	04-20-06	1040	4.65
	04-21-06	290	4.66
	04-24-06	743	4.69
	04-25-06	5957	4.77
	04-26-06	282	4.70
04-27-06	2226	4.68	
04-28-06	2519	4.70	
05-02-06	11960	4.92	
05-03-06	10250	4.92	
05-04-06	5488	4.91	

Holder	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Marathon Fund LP	03-08-06	250	\$4.15
	03-10-06	7496	4.18
	03-13-06	1312	4.16
	03-14-06	9407	4.13
	03-15-06	9995	4.12
	03-17-06	10308	4.10

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03-22-06	1250	4.12
03-12-06	11370	4.11
03-23-06	9938	4.11
03-27-06	813	4.07
03-29-06	1200	4.11
03-29-06	6246	4.16
03-31-06	223	4.16
04-04-06	1710	4.40
04-05-06	732	4.46
04-06-06	133	4.46
04-06-06	4926	4.51
04-07-06	443	4.44
04-10-06	1111	4.46
04-11-06	5076	4.43
04-11-06	2216	4.49
04-12-06	9270	4.51
04-12-06	1329	4.51
04-13-06	8554	4.47
04-17-06	2766	4.46
04-18-06	19086	4.54
04-19-06	7512	4.56
04-20-06	11787	4.65
04-21-06	3293	4.66
04-24-06	8421	4.69
04-25-06	5976	4.77
04-26-06	2280	4.69
04-27-06	2233	4.67
04-28-06	2528	4.69
05-02-06	12000	4.92
05-03-06	10284	4.92
05-04-06	5506	4.91

Holder	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund Ltd.	03-08-06	150	\$4.15
	03-10-06	4504	4.18
	03-13-06	788	4.16
	03-14-06	5653	4.13
	03-15-06	6005	4.12
	03-17-06	6192	4.10
	03-22-06	6830	4.11
	03-22-06	750	4.12
	03-23-06	8262	4.11
	03-27-06	1187	4.07
	03-28-06	300	4.11
	03-29-06	4164	4.16
	03-29-06	800	4.11
	03-31-06	1543	4.16
	04-04-06	1140	4.40
	04-05-06	488	4.46
	04-06-06	89	4.46
	04-06-06	3284	4.51
	04-04-06	296	4.44
	04-10-06	742	4.46
	04-11-06	1477	4.49
	04-11-06	3384	4.43
	04-12-06	6180	4.51
	04-12-06	886	4.51
	04-13-06	5703	4.47
	04-17-06	1844	4.46
	04-18-06	12724	4.54
	04-19-06	5008	4.56
	04-20-06	7858	4.65

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04-21-06	2195	4.66
04-24-06	5614	4.69
04-25-06	3984	4.77
04-26-06	1520	4.69
04-27-06	1489	4.67
04-28-06	1685	4.69
05-02-06	8000	4.92
05-03-06	6856	4.92
05-04-06	3671	4.91

Holder	Sales of Common Stock		
	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Marathon Fund LP	03-23-06	11370	\$4.11

Holder	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund Ltd.	03-23-06	6830	\$4.11

All reported transactions were effected on Nasdaq.

(d) Not applicable.

(e). Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to the Issuer.

None.

Item 7. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits.

None.

Signature

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

May 9, 2006

Loeb Partners Corporation

By: /s/ Gideon J. King
Executive Vice President

May 9, 2006

Loeb Arbitrage Fund
By: Loeb Arbitrage Management, Inc., G.P.

By: /s/ Gideon J. King
President

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Loeb Offshore Fund Ltd.

By: /s/ Gideon J. King
Director

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Loeb Marathon Fund LP
By: Loeb Arbitrage Management, Inc., G.P.

By: /s/ Gideon J. King
President

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Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund Ltd.

By: /s/ Gideon J. King
Director