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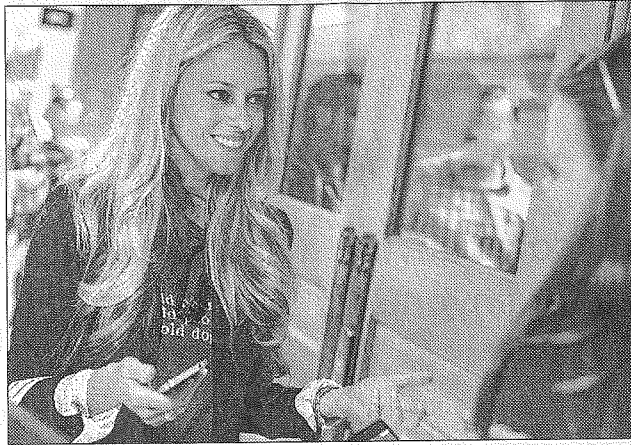
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The city alleges in the suit that Curtis' firm, Detroit Renovations, "failed to redevelop the property," pay property taxes or maintain insurance on the house. The city alleges breach of contract and asks the court to give the property back to the city.

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The city of Minneapolis is suing Nicole Curtis, above, star of the HGTV show "Rehab Addict," alleging that she has not rehabilitated this house she bought from the city as a rehabilitation project in 2012.

filings that she admits the home has not been rehabbed, but said she "was prevented and/or delayed from com-

pleting performance (of the contract's terms) due to the acts of Plaintiff and the acts of third parties."

Her lawyer, Erin Hoffman of Faegre Baker Daniels, was not immediately available for comment Tuesday.

Curtis has said that she has struggled to get the necessary building permit from the city.

City officials have been focused on the house at 1522 Hillside Av. N. for several months, after complaints from neighbors about safety issues related to the property.

Council Member Blong Yang, city staff members and an appraiser toured the building and met with Curtis in June. The city sent a letter of default to Curtis' firm in July.

The suit was filed in late January.

Curtis said last summer that she had trouble with contractors at the site. Two separate companies filed liens totaling \$36,000 for unpaid work. The property also had delinquent taxes from 2015.

Curtis' lawyers said in court documents that she has paid property taxes since receiving the default letter from the city in July.

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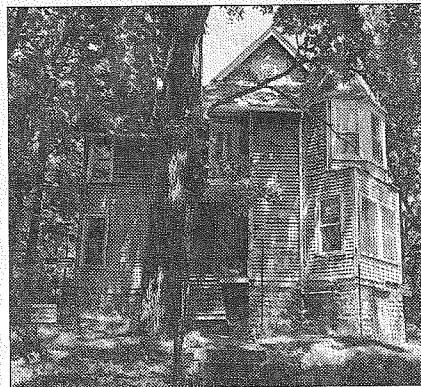
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