

Deconstructed skyboxes are seen during the Lambeau Field renovations in 2002. During the construction process, demolition materials were dropped, resulting in structural damage and a lawsuit that was settled last year out of court. **File/Press-Gazette**

# Skybox accident went under radar

## Damage caused during Lambeau renovation in '02

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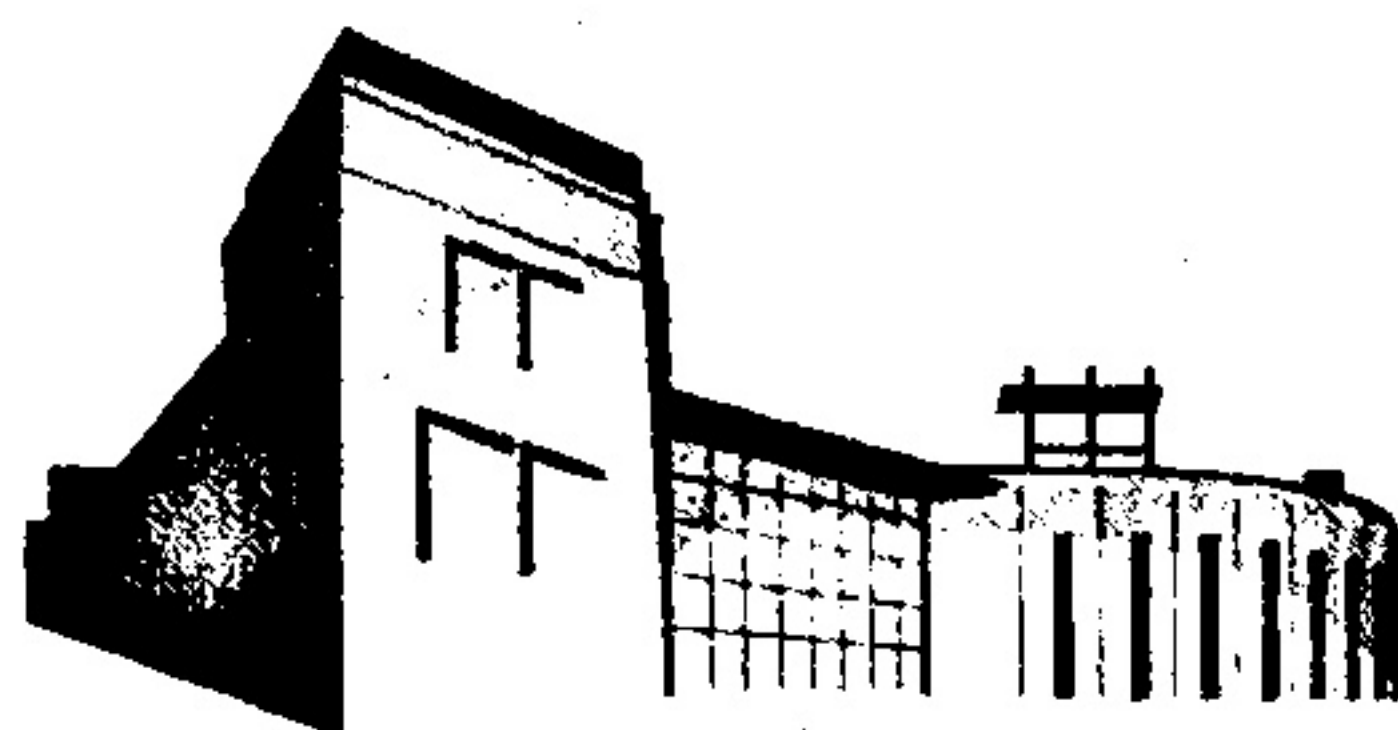
A little-known accident during the Lambeau Field renovation in 2002 caused significant damage to the stadium and resulted in a court fight that continued until years later.

Repair costs topped more than \$1 million, and a taxpayer-funded insurance plan filed suit to avoid getting stuck with \$200,000 of the repair bill.

Officials at the state-operated Local Government Property Insurance Fund will not disclose how they ended the legal squabble with construction contractor Spirtas Wrecking Co. — a battle resolved last year through an out-of-court settlement.

Green Bay city records show that Spirtas crews caused damage to city-owned Lambeau Field while demolishing and removing the stadium's old skyboxes in February 2002.

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