

Golden Nugget sues architect

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DAYTON — The architect blamed for up to \$2 million in theater design flaws at Stivers School for the Arts is also being sued for \$3.5 million by the Golden Nugget Pancake House, a popular eatery at South Dixie Drive and Dorothy Lane.

In a case scheduled for trial in November in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, Golden Nugget accuses architect Jeff Wray of faulty design, breach of contract and other claims related to his work on rebuilding the restaurant after its 2005 fire.

Among the claims, the restaurant charges that Wray:

- Failed to adequately design and supervise the construction of sidewalks, windows, towers and wall furnishings, kitchen air control, wait staff stations, landscaping and other building aspects
- Made “serious errors and omissions” in the public restrooms, such as toilet heights that don’t accommodate handicap patrons and the lack of baby changing stations
- Shorted the restaurant 16 seats, leading to cramped quarters, lost revenue and subsequent modifications
- Failed to create proper outside signage and to “screen” or block from view the rooftop heating and air conditioning system, thus violating city regulations and the plaintiff’s wishes.

“We continue to find problems,” manager Stacey Frangomichalos, a member of the Thomas family that operates the Golden Nugget, said Wednesday, April 8. “All I want is what my family deserves to have: I want a good, solid building where we can make our living.”

Wray declined comment and referred questions to his attorney, David Rickert of Dayton.

Rickert denied Golden Nugget’s claims and said the restaurant’s problems appear to be “more construction issues than design issues, problems with subcontractors not working off the proper set of plans, those kinds of things.”

In addition, he said Wray seeks \$90,000 for his work that the restaurant’s owners have refused to pay.

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