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Photo show highlights best Florida plants.

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## Judge: Dismiss lawsuit over rejected modern house

By **DARRELL HOFHEINZ**

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A Palm Beacher has been dealt a blow in his court battle over the town's 2016 decision to

reject the design of a controversial contemporary-style house he proposed for his beachfront lot.

A West Palm Beach federal magistrate is recommending in a 45-page

report that telecommunications millionaire Donald A. Burns' lawsuit be dismissed in favor of the town through a summary judgment.

The case that Burns filed in December fo-

cuses on constitutional issues involving the Architectural Commission and how it arrives at its decisions.

The suit was not technically an appeal of the architectural board's de-

cision, which would have sent him to the Town Council and, perhaps, to Palm Beach County Circuit Court with a petition of appeal. Burns instead asked a federal court to weigh in on the constitu-

tionality of the decision and the town's architectural code.

The Miami judge in charge of the case asked

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## CHRISTMAS IN JULY EVENT KEEPS LITTLE BALLERINAS ON THEIR TOES



**Above:** Ballet Florida dancers Maggie van Wieringen, from left, Ashley Simpson and artistic director Lauren Carey lead Jaelyn Nolen, 2, and Skyler Nolen, 4, of West Palm Beach, London Civil, 6, of Greenacres and Zoey Trivlis, 2, of Delray Beach, in the Christmas in July Nutcracker Under the Sea lesson and performance at Royal Poinciana Plaza on Tuesday.

**Right:** Jaelyn Nolen prepares to leap over ballet shoes. The weekly Wee Royal Hour event, which features various cultural and science activities, is 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the west courtyard. See more photos at [PalmBeachDailyNews.com](http://PalmBeachDailyNews.com).

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## Council approves events at Esplanade

Center's manager: Outdoor activities to help Worth Avenue retailers earn more revenue.

By **IAN COHEN**

Daily News Staff Writer

Francis Scire said he has noticed a shift in what customers want from their shopping experience.

He wants to embrace that at The Esplanade.

During a Town Council meeting last week, Scire, The Esplanade's manager, said he's confident his plan for outdoor events there will help Worth Avenue retailers earn more revenue.

The council unanimously approved Scire's proposal, which mirrors an initiative that council members said has been a success at the Royal Poinciana Plaza. The proposed events, led by Scire and event planners Nicole Mundy and Katherine Lande, include book signings, artist meet-and-greets, fashion

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## Mandela remembered

South African leader Nelson Mandela, who died in 2013, would have been 100 Wednesday. Raptis Rare Books on Worth Avenue is selling a silver gelatin print from his 1994 return to Robben Island, where he had been imprisoned, by photographer Jurgen Schadeberg.

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## Deal for Duck's Nest would scrap demolition, lawyer says

By **IAN COHEN**

Daily News Staff Writer

A deal to sell Palm Beach's second-oldest residence is almost complete, potentially ending a seven-month saga between the owner and the town over plans to demolish the building.

Paul Maddock, owner of Duck's

Nest, the historic home at 305 Maddock Way, and his lawyer, Peter Broberg, are "working toward closing" a sale of the home, Broberg said Monday. In a Town Council meeting last week, West Palm Beach-based lawyer Maura Ziska,

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## Division of Handelsman empire resumes in court

By **JORGE MILIAN**

Daily News Staff Writer

After a hiatus of more than three months, Burt and Lucille Handelsman — and their adult children — were back in divorce court Tuesday, fighting for their share of a fortune amassed during 67 years of marriage.

Circuit Judge Scott Suskauer granted Lucille's petition for divorce in February, finding that the couple's union was "irretrievably broken"

after allegations of infidelity against her husband.

That left the difficult task of splitting up the couple's estimated \$550 million real-estate empire that includes posh shops along Worth Avenue and restaurants and office buildings in Delray Beach and West Palm Beach. Properties in Tennessee and the New York are also being contested.

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