

## Rehoboth nixes Serca rezoning

REHOBOTH BEACH — Serca Land Co.'s rezoning proposal was defeated last night by a 3-3 vote of the town commissioners.

Under the town charter, two "no" votes would have been sufficient to kill Serca's bid for rezoning of 2.6 acres on which it hoped to demonstrate its plans for a \$12-million town house development.

The commissioners first held a closed meeting, then cast their votes before about 50 spectators in the Village Improvement Association building. Mayor Juel C. (Steve) Stamper, who is visiting his sick mother in Roanoke, Va., sent a "no" by telegram, but it was not accepted as valid.

Serca's first proposal last summer for rezoning all of its 65-acre tract — the site of the old Rehoboth County Club — was withdrawn when opposition arose. Before last night's action, company officials said that if their revised proposal was defeated they might build houses which would not require a zoning change.

built 15 houses this year in Sussex without permits.

They said the contractor, Jim Walter Corp., Salisbury, has not answered their letters. County attorney H. Edward Maul advised them to get an arrest warrant the next time the firm has one of its pre-fabricated houses underway.

### Braun's doors closed

GEORGETOWN — Braun's Stores, a Georgetown business for 31 years, closed its door Christmas Eve and hasn't opened them since.

The owner, Richard Braunfeld of Salisbury, Md., said yesterday a creditor, Great Eastern Financial Corp., Philadelphia, is trying to take the men's and women's clothing stores, located on Market Street.

### 'Comedian' hired

GEORGETOWN — The Sussex Levy Court yesterday hired a new courthouse janitor — touted as "quite a comedian" by President Raymond E. Townsend, who introduced him to the other commissioners.

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