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## Tracey's new kitchen



### Falmouth woman overcomes challenges to reach her dream of running a bake shop

By HENRY ROME

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began a triumphant new chapter

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JOHN FURNARI, customer from East Falmouth

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# D-Y faces budget battle

Stakes high at district meeting set for Monday

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The complex logistics that have consumed officials planning next week's mammoth Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District meeting are nearly resolved.

The meeting, which could draw thousands of people, will be Monday on the football field at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High thousands of people, will be Monday on the football field at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High thousands of people, will be Monday on the football field at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High thousands of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High thousands to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High thousands to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High thousands to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High thousands the High thous

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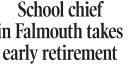
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## School chief in Falmouth takes

By STEPHANIE VOSK

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FALMOUTH - After three years as the town's highest ranking school official, Supt. Dennis Richards is retiring.

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I will be foreve grateful to the school committee for their support of my leadership."

# Tomalley raises red flag

Officials say lobsters green innards are prone to red tide contamination

### By JAKE BERRY

phyrosaperosensies or Cape seafood lovers have been on the red tide watch for weeks. Now state officials are saying that with lobsters, it's the green stuff thar'll get ya. This week, officials have been reopening local shellfish areas after dodging the threat of a widespread red tide outbreak this year. But they are warning tomalley, the soft, green substance found in the lobster's body cavity.

body cavity.
Red tide is an algae that produces a toxin that builds up in shellfish that feed on them. If



humans ingest too much, it can cause paralytic shellfish poi-soning including, among other symptoms, a respiratory reac-tion that can be fatal. Lobster meat itself is perfectly safe to eat, health officials say, but the tomalley, which some

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seavy, could contain his levels of toxins and pollutants.
"We've said for years to kep away from tomalley," Suzanne Condon, director of the state Bureau of Environmental Health, said yesterday. "But now's the point in time when ... people shouldn't be consuming any. ... Consumers need to be aware of what might be in there."
The state health department's announcement comes a week after Maine health officials issued a similar warning when

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## Tracey's new kitchen

Falmouth woman overcomes challenges to reach her dream of running a bake shop

By HENRY ROME Published Jul. 24, 2008

EAST FALMOUTH, Mass. — Five years ago, Tracey Newhart was at the center of the controversy over whether diplomas ought to be given to students who fail the state's standardized graduation test. Newhart, who has Down syndrome, was not allowed to graduate with her Falmouth High School classmates because she failed the high-stakes test. That meant she couldn't attend a top culinary school, Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island, to which she had already been accepted. But she never let go of her culinary dreams.

Yesterday, Newhart — now 25 — began a triumphant new chapter in her life, as she swung open the doors of her own business, Tracey's Kitchen. Standing in front of a group of about 30 friends, family members and visitors, Newhart clutched a short script and began to read. She got most of the way through before the magnitude of the moment caught up to her.

"I would like to thank my parents," Newhart said, stammering over the words and wiping tears from her eyes. "They are always there for me and helped me put my store together."

After cutting the inaugural ribbon, her first customers began filing inside her baked goods business in Tataket Square, which sells everything from homemade carrot cake to corn muffins and candy bars. Newhart, who has been cooking since she was 5, makes her sweet treats at home and at the Shoreway Acres Inn in Falmouth, which lets her use their kitchen in the afternoon.

The store opening was especially powerful for one customer, John Furnari of East Falmouth, whose 2-year-old daughter Olivia has Down syndrome.

"It lets us know of what (Olivia) can achieve — that there are no ceilings," Furnari said. "Tracey has been a powerful inspiration to our family."

Donning a cotton candy-colored dress, Newhart spent part of the morning ringing up purchases at the register and schmoozing with customers, a plastic cup full of party punch in hand.

Perhaps the most exciting part for her was the arrival of her friends from Community Connections Inc., a group that provides opportunities for people with disabilities. When she saw the white van pull into the parking lot, the new shopkeeper jumped and screamed, and she ran outside to greet her friends with hugs.