# Good year...

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"A lot of cement garden statues went. I was kind of thinking of putting them away and I'm glad I didn't," MacDonald said, adding collectable plates and bears were very popular.

MacDonald said media reports of an impending recession didn't affect her customers.

"What's that all about? One minute you hear everything is just booming and then we hear just slips about this recession word," MacDonald said.

At the Olde Hide House, president Steve Dawkins said it was a good season, "better than last year, but no great last minute rush - it was steady."

.Dawkins said coats were one of the top sellers and they

drew large crowds to their furniture warehouse (in the former PriceCheck) that will be open on weekends until the end of the month.

As for any recession talk, Dawkins said if the seasonal factor is removed, the economy has slowed.

"I personally have the view that things have begun to slow a little bit from the pace of September/ October when there weren't quite the number of warnings in the media about an impending slowdown in the States, and possible/probable, impact on Canada," Dawkins said.

Like the rest of Acton, most merchants hope the New Year unfolds with car parts giant Magna International, building its proposed 500-job plant just north of town, and give Acton the economic injection it needs.

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FANTA-SEA FUN: Students at Robert Little School presented Christmas Under The Sea - A Fanta-Sea Christmas - to a standing-room-only crowd. Scuba Santa (top right), Victoria Mcafee and Grade 2 Santa, Nick (bottom right) were jolly and the Grades 1 & 2 seahorses (top) and Grade 3 octopi were polished and poised. - Frances Niblock photo



A Fanta-Sea Christmas



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second bedroom/study on the right. The main, three-piece bath-

room that has direct access from the garage. Ample storage is offered on this floor with a coat cupboard in the foyer as well as broom and linen closets in the central hallway.

The open-plan living areas are ideal for casual, contemporary living. The living room, dining room and kitchen are combined in one fullsized room that gives the illusion of more space.

The L-shaped kitchen has plenty of countertop work areas and a good-sized pantry. The central island gives the cook the opportunity to talk to guests while preparing food. Sliding glass doors off the living room and dining area lead to the rear sun deck with stairs down to the garden.

The master suite is a private retreat for the homeowners, with a large walk-in closet and a full en suite bathroom.

The unfinished, walk-out basement has sliding glass doors opening

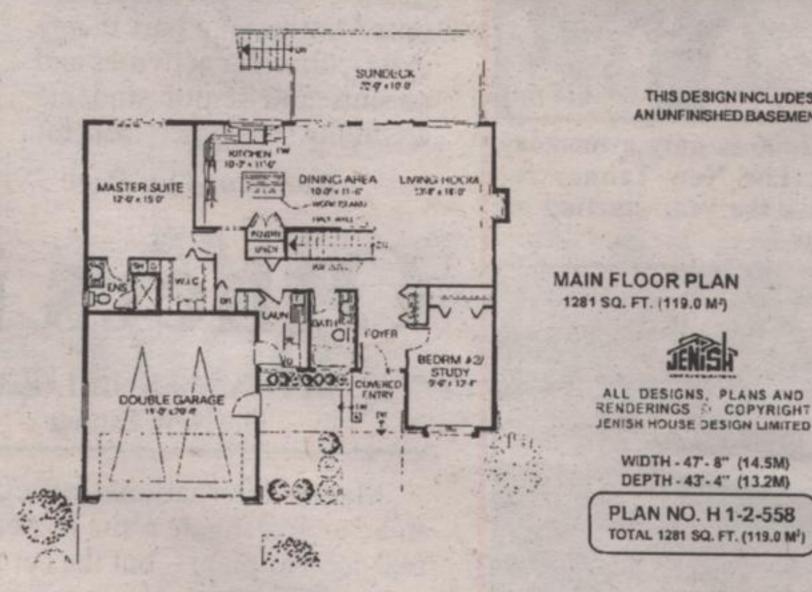
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