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Two articles on the closing of McNally Robinson's Don Mills store

Below are two links to articles in the Toronto Star and National Post respectively that present interesting perspectives on the closing of McNally Robinson's bookstore in Don Mills.

While Christopher Hume makes several valid points, including his comment that "you can keep context out of a mall, but you can't keep a mall out of context," the title of this article is misleading. McNally's *was* a good store for Don Mills, and the community loved it. As the disappointed customer quoted at the beginning of the National Post article said, McNally's was "the only decent place in the whole shopping centre." The fact that most of the fancy high-end stores in the "lifestyle centre" don't serve the community, in addition to the mall not being enclosed, is the real reason why many in the community don't shop there.

Christopher Hume, Toronto Star: Bookstore's vibe didn't fit suburb

<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/article/744435--hume-bookstore-s-vibe-didn-t-fit-suburb>

Adam McDowell, National Post: McNally Robinson files for bankruptcy, Toronto location closes

<http://network.nationalpost.com/np/blogs/toronto/archive/2009/12/29/mcnally-robinson-files-for-bankruptcy-toronto-location-closes.aspx>

And there is more sad news: ICI Laboratories, the diagnostic clinic at 75 The Donway West, closed on December 24. Apparently they had suffered a 40-percent drop in business as a result of other practitioners' vacating the premises one by one as their leases expire and are not renewed because Cadillac Fairview's plans to convert the building to a condominium.

We wish everyone in the Don Mills community and beyond a happy and healthy New Year 2010.

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