

Muzzo to plead guilty next month, lawyer says

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After months of court hearings, recriminations, talk of plea deals and overflowing public anger, a window into an eventual outcome opened yesterday after it was announced Marco Muzzo will plead guilty.

Although it remains unclear exactly what kind of sentence is being requested by the defence or Crown, Muzzo's lawyer, Brian Greenspan, said by admitting guilt, his client is showing "remorse and contrition".

Muzzo faces 18 charges, including impaired driving resulting in death, after the Vaughan crash wiped out a large part of Brampton's Neville-Lake family.

Killed in the crash were three young children — Daniel Neville-Lake, 9, Harrison Neville-Lake, 5, and Milagros (Millie) Neville-Lake, 2, and their grandfather, Gary Neville.

Justice Michelle Fuerst will hear submissions as to what kind of sentence both sides are seeking — something neither the Crown nor the defence would say out loud yesterday — and then she will make a decision.

Although Greenspan told gathered media that there will be no "plea deal or bargain" in the case, he also refused to disclose if there will be a financial settlement and notified the media his client will not be admitting guilt to all 18 charges.

He said while there will be no joint submission, there will be an agreed statement of facts that lawyers will hammer out.

"Marco Muzzo has always accepted full responsibility for his actions and conduct," Greenspan said outside the court. "He said that in the first meeting. It's been a very long and difficult ordeal. He wants the chapter to be closed as soon as possible. This is an acceptance of responsibility by Marco Muzzo for what occurred."

He added that in all his 40 years practising law, this has been the most expeditious case he's ever worked on.

The admission came as cold comfort to Jennifer Neville-Lake, who said while a guilty plea means Muzzo is standing up and "acknowledging guilt" she added that, at the end of the day, Muzzo is the "reason my children aren't here, my dad, too".

She said that while it won't stop the pain, she might eventually learn how to carry her "broken heart around".

"Maybe we can stop living Groundhog Day," she said, referring to the movie where every day is the same. "We're still living on Sept. 28 ... we still haven't processed this. On Sept. 27, I woke up and I had kids, I went to bed for a few hours and then I didn't."

As far as the sentence she'd like to see for Muzzo, Neville-Lake said she refuses to focus on numbers, as it leads people to be "consumed by hate".

"That's not what I taught my kids, that's not what my dad taught me," she added.

Neville-Lake said that while a guilty plea may allow her to take some time for herself, she also said that coming to court seemed like the only thing she had left.

"(Coming to court) is the only thing left that we can do for them," she said.

"When it's over, I don't have to get out of bed. I can stay in bed and cry all day. Maybe that's not good... but how can we begin to heal when we can't even move yet."

Muzzo, 29, of King, will return to court Feb. 4 to plead guilty and there will be submissions Feb. 23 and 24.

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T—WE SAY— THANKS!

We have a lot to be thankful for, that's for sure! We have now completed our 30th year in business. Pretty well every morning I sit down in our café and savour not just the coffee, but the experience of all this. We have met a lot of folk, and we have been supported by a community unlike any other. Our co-workers have melded into a very large family — and we experience daily all that this entails and we savour that, too!

Our business has morphed and expanded into areas unforetold and yet I sit and read that very first business plan that our bank had me write. We still do what we said we would, and we have become 'that' store that I had proposed.

We have made so many friends along the way and sadly, while we have lost a few along the way, Cathy and I count ourselves so lucky to be part of all that this business has become. It is so much more than a business to us.

For all this, we at the Grocer say thanks for your confidence in us, your support and your unwavering generosity of purse and spirit, and we wish you all the best for another year!

L—WHAT'S FOR— LUNCH?

To start our new year in a culinary sense, we'll shout out to my son's (and my) two favourite ladies, his Mom and Grandmom. Though she usually forgoes lunch, Cathy is a sucker for Mortadella Sandwiches, so we'll be making personal-sized **Muffaletta Sandwiches** at the café. We pile shaved mortadella on a crusty white kaiser with pesto, roasted pepper, olive salad and provolone cheese.

\$7.99
EA.

Many of you may remember Doreen from our old location. To this day we still use a ton of her recipes, she is still very much the heart and soul of our business. Though she was masterful in technique and could cook just about anything to perfection, her favourite snack was an **Egg Salad Sandwich**. No lettuce, no tomato, just a light spread of mayo, served on a fresh croissant. We'll be serving these for

\$4.99
EA.

Sunday Brunch will begin with **Cream of Tomato Soup**, followed by either **Penne with Chicken and Broccoli in a Rose Sauce**, **Chicken Cacciatore** or **Beef Stroganoff**, with either rice, mashed or a veg, with tea or coffee and a mini dessert, all for

\$11.95

Served from noon till 2.

T—STUFFED PORK— TENDERLOINS

The caramilk mystery used to apply here until we moved our sausage stuffing machine out front in full view, so you can watch us making these. The stuffings are not a mystery anymore either, but simply a bread stuffing with either an assortment of nice dried fruits or with dried cranberries and brie. Not only do they present nicely, they taste even better. Cooking directions are on the label. **Reg. \$11.95/lb.**

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WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE DELI!

...Let's start with **Singapore Noodles**, which can be a main, a side, a midnight snack or just a beautiful little break. We've made this daily for so many years, and I often marvel at how good they are. You'll find enough spice to notice, and warmed just a bit is good. **Reg. \$1.49/100g**

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Next, we'll be making **Cream of Tomato Basil Soup**. To make this, we use roma tomatoes, sweet onion, carrots, celery and olive oil. This is a smooth character for a cool winter day. **Reg. \$7.95/900ml**

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Next up, we've made some **Sweet and Sour Pork**, but with a chili twist. We use fried pork strips, sweet peppers, onions, sweet chili sauce and some soya. **This will be featured at**

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PER 4"x5" FOIL

Next, we'll have **Salmon Fillets Teriyaki Style**. It makes for a dinner extraordinaire! **Reg. \$4.99/100g**

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S—GUINNESS— SAUSAGES

When we were in Dublin, our family took the trip through the Guinness Museum and we made our way to the top where they serve Guinness. Part of their presentation is a culinary corner where they have recipes using Guinness for everything from lamb stews to martinis, but not for sausages. I tell you this story to remind you that you haven't seen everything till you come see us!

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D—WHAT'S FOR— DINNER?

From our frozen section, there will be two items... Firstly, we'll have **Pumpkin Soup** happening. It's smooth with just enough spice to bring the full flavour forward. **Reg. \$7.95/900ml.**

The second item is my go-to comfort food, **Doreen's Mac and Cheese**. I've made a study of Mac and Cheese and I partake whenever it's offered. I've yet to find anything nicer than this, or Doreen for that matter. **Reg. \$12.95 8"x5" foil... Both items will be featured at**

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I FROM ISLE 4...

'Isle 4' is an expression that one of my chums and I have used for years to describe the grocery section in a euphemistic manner, 'till one day an article appeared in the 'Star' about, you guessed it, 'Isle4'. The article read about service and the food experience as if my pal and I had sat and written it, glass of wine in hand. I think that I have been remiss a bit in not promoting our grocery section so much, because we tend to concentrate on the more perishable parts of the store, but Mariella has brought some focus as well, So here goes...

RUDOLPH'S BREAD

This week we'll have a promo on their 'Multigrain' and 'Poppy Seed Bran Bread'. This bread is great!

\$2.99

BRUNELLO

ORGANIC BALSAMIC VINEGAR

This is available either infused with apple or raspberry, which greatly expands your flavour horizons with salads and meats. **250ml. size Reg. \$29.95 ea. Featured at**

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ORGANIC WHOLE WHEAT PASTA

There is quite an assortment available here, and if whole wheat is what you need, we've got it. **454g. Reg. \$7.95 ea... also**

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...And Mariella has let me know that it's 'The year of the Legume', and to fully celebrate that event, we will have a **1/2 price** feature on all store-packed lentils, peas, beans. It's what you'll need for winter soups!

DEL MONTE PINEAPPLES

These are super-sweet pines from Costa Rica. We bought the large size this week — 6's — and they are too big to fit in our coring machine, so you'll have to slice them at home.

\$2.99 EACH THIS WEEK

C FRESH COD — FILLETS —

We'll have a feature this week on **Fresh Cod Fillets**. This fish has made a comeback of sorts after close to 500 years of overfishing. Have some for dinner, and you'll easily know why all this happened. It's really good!

\$9.95 /LB

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C—SOME— CHEESE— PLEASE—

This week there will be three varieties to choose from, and they are...

CHEDDAR WITH CARAMELIZED ONION
Reg. \$5.99/100g.

CHEDDAR WHICH HAS BEEN SMOKED
Reg. \$4.99/100g.

HAVARTI LIGHT
Reg. \$3.49/100g

All these will be featured this week at

1/3 OFF REGULAR

B—WHAT'S— BAKING THIS WEEK?

LEMON! We are baking with lemons!

LEMON CURD FLAN \$18.95

We make our lemon curd on a double boiler using lots of egg yolks, sugar, butter and fresh lemon juice and zest. Every batch is cooked down for about an hour to achieve the rich silky consistency. Then it is smoothed on shortbread flan bottoms and baked further. This is a rich, sophisticated dessert, and a little goes a long way.

ICED LEMON LOAVES \$5.99

Dense lemon cake made with butter and iced with an old-fashioned lemon icing. These can be found in our refrigerated case. They will go fast, so get them while you can!

LEMON CHEESECAKE \$18.95

The founding member of our cheesecake family. We have been making these from the very beginning of our bakery with Jaana's old recipe. Smooth creamy lemony cheese filling with some lemon curd swirled in, topped with lemon glaze.

LEMON POPPY SEED COFFEECAKE \$18.95

This is a fairly recent addition to our repertoire, and it was a big hit from the get-go. Beautiful texture and mouth-feel, bursting with lemon flavor, with just enough poppy seeds to add interest. Brushed with lemon syrup and glazed with lemon fondant.

LEMON BISCOTTI \$4.99/package

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