

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Guiseppe ([00:00](#)):

Sure which one you like? I have regular cannoli, [inaudible 00:00:03] mini, or regular with chocolate, mini with chocolate.

Speaker 2 ([00:05](#)):

Mini. Small as possible.

Guiseppe ([00:05](#)):

Here, there's a huge Italian community. Tradition got people coming here. They have the same thing that their grandmothers were making them when they were kids. That hasn't changed, that flavor. The smell, when you walk into the door, that hasn't changed. That is very unique.

Giuseppe ([00:29](#)):

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Hi, my name is Giuseppe. We are Mastellone, Italian deli, wine shop, and situated in 7212 Harford Road. You can see here that we have all the great Italian wine section. We had a lot of imported goods from Italy starting from our prosciutto di parma, di mortadella and all the cookies and the pasta and sauces. And drinks, they give you the real feel of Italy. Food is part of our culture. It's no less important that our poets or our navigators [crosstalk 00:01:07] or explorers or soccer players.

Gino ([01:12](#)):

These are yours.

Speaker 3 ([01:13](#)):

All right, have a great day.

Gino ([01:13](#)):

You too. Thank you.

Gino ([01:14](#)):

My name is Gino Luciani and I work at Mastellone Deli 7212 Harford Road. I'm a huge soccer fan. And I was in Italy when Italy won the World Cup. The game came down to penalty shots. And it was nerve wracking. And everyone was just on edge because we make it, we lose or we win. Then we don't make it. We lose. It was just everything just boiling up inside. You're like, "is this going to happen? Can we win?" And then, like I said, they made the shot and it was pandemonium.

Speaker 4 ([01:44](#)):

Goal! [crosstalk 00:01:51].

Gino ([01:50](#)):

Everyone got in their cars. The town square filled with people and cars. It was just a blur. Really. It's hard to describe exactly how it was, because it was just so crazy. I just remember the announcer in Italian, he said, [foreign language 00:02:07] which means, "we are the World Champions". And he was like, [foreign language 00:02:11] which means, "Let's all love each other." It was a cool moment. I'll always remember it.

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