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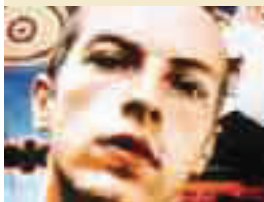
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# Free – 3 decades later



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Romeo Phillion hugs Christine Simonelli, a friend of the family, outside the courthouse on University Ave. yesterday, after being released on bail. Federal Justice Minister Martin Cauchon has ordered a review of Phillion's case, which is now underway. Phillion had been behind bars for more than 31 years for a murder he maintains he didn't commit.

## Convicted killer out on bail pending minister's decision

TORONTO Romeo Phillion tasted freedom for the first time since 1972 yesterday.

"I feel like a million bucks," he said.

The 64-year-old, who says he was wrongly convicted of the 1967 murder of an Ottawa firefighter, walked out of the University Ave. courthouse in Toronto after an Ontario Superior Court judge took the unprecedented step of releasing him on bail, pending a decision from federal Justice Minister Martin Cauchon on whether the conviction should be overturned.

Cauchon has ordered a review of the case, which is now underway and could take another year.

He made his decision after a legal team from the Innocence Project — lawyers and a group of students from Osgoode Hall law school — filed an application on Phillion's behalf, asking Cauchon to review the case using extraordinary powers under the Criminal Code.

At the centre of their request is fresh evidence showing Ottawa police investigated and confirmed Phillion's alibi in 1968, then buried their report for 30 years. It surfaced five years ago, when a prison official called Phillion into the warden's office at Bath penitentiary and handed him a brown envelope.

Mr. Justice David Watt emphasized he wasn't deciding the issue of Phillion's guilt or innocence — just the "difficult" question of whether a superior court judge can grant bail to someone seeking a federal review of a possible miscarriage of justice.

Phillion's bail conditions require him to stay in Ontario and live with his sister, Simonne Snowdon, 67, and her husband, Don, at their Mississauga home. Snowdon and her friend, Christine Simonelli, each agreed to post \$25,000 bail.

Phillion was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the Aug. 9, 1967, stabbing death of Leopold Roy.

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# Docs transplant human tongue

VIENNA The world's first successful tongue transplant on a human has been completed in Austria, BBC News Online reports.

A 42-year-old man underwent the 14-hour operation at Vienna's General Hospital on Saturday.

The man, who has not been identified, had been suffering from a malignant tumour affecting his tongue and jaw.

A team of doctors, led by Dr. Christian Kermer and Dr. Franz Watzinger, removed the tumour and attached the new tongue.

The patient, who agreed to the procedure after the treatment options were explained to him, is said to be in good condition.

Tongue transplant surgery has been carried out before, but only in animals.

One of the major problems fac-

ing doctors is that the mouth is continually being filled with foreign — and potentially infectious — material. However, the mouth is effective at keeping itself clean naturally.

Doctors often turn to muscle tissue taken from a patient's back or abdomen to rebuild a tongue that has been amputated because of cancer or other disease, but they say this method is far from

ideal.

Dr. Peter Rowe, chairman of the ethics committee of the British Transplantation Society, told BBC News Online the crucial issue would be whether the donor organ could provide the recipient with sufficient mobility.

"A lot of immuno-suppressant therapy would be required to promote acceptance," Rowe said.

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Jose and Selma de Oliveira sit in the backyard of their Willowdale home (above), which incorporates colours and touches from their native Brazil. All-glass French doors lead to an outside landing and steps, allowing natural light to pour in (right).



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## Couple brings native Brazil to Toronto

As the taxi pulled up to Jose and Selma Oliveira's Willowdale home, snow smothered the front steps.

They cuddled their two mini schnauzers, whose paws weren't used to an icy carpet underfoot. Nearly a half-metre of snow had fallen by Dec. 16, 2000, the day they moved to Canada.

What had they done, uprooting their happy family from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and a life of sun, sand and beaches where the temperature rarely drops below 10C?

Both left thriving careers — she's an architect, he's an economist who was chief financial officer for the largest real estate company in the country — and sold everything to establish a small custom-home building business with an eye to giving

Created by architect wife, the house's orange and autumn colours stand out

their children, Priscila and Luiz, a better future.

Selma's work spoke for itself; clients knocked on her door, wanting her to recreate her splendid architectural designs.

Over the next few years they struggled to learn English, shop and cook for themselves and learn the ins and outs of the Toronto home-building market.

The 48-year-old Jose laughs now, as they sit in the dining room of their stunning home, a few blocks and a world away from their first.

An Italian-designed chandelier is a focal point. Large windows let light spill into the room.

Jose's English has improved and he explains how pleased they are in Canada, despite the many hurdles they've had to jump.

Married 23 years, he is proud of Selma's achievements, ready to let her take the spotlight as an architect of signature homes, content to work behind the scenes, generating buzz and dealing with people and financial details, which are his forte.

His wife, also 48, is truly an artist, whose bold strokes are making a splash in her otherwise conservative Willowdale neighbourhood where the couple built a new infill home.

You can't miss the Princess Ave.

house, in the Yonge-Sheppard area. Its orange stucco exterior is her way of marrying the two cultures, reminding her of Brazil's sun and Canada's autumn colours. She brought a colour sample from Brazil and had it matched here.

The front steps are made of rainbow stone, softened by a half-circle of double-layered stone, which acts as a boundary and softens the house's squareness, explains Selma.

The orange theme is also carried inside, in a "tozetto" diamond-shaped design on the "crema marfil" marble floors.

Their home is not only their sanctuary; it is their calling card. It has been appraised at \$1.25 million, a figure realtor Anabela Bernardino calls conservative at that.

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### REDUCE YOUR SUMMER BILLS

Here are a few easy ways that you can keep your air conditioning equipment running efficiently while reducing your cooling costs.

- Keep grass clippings and other debris away from your outdoor air conditioning unit.
  - Keep furniture, carpeting and draperies away from vents and grills.
  - Change or clean your system filter once per month (depending on the type of filter).
  - Use a programmable thermostat.
  - Don't open the windows at night to let in that "cool humidity laden air."
  - On hot humid days, it is normal for the temperature to rise a few degrees, because the unit is working hard to remove the air's moisture.
  - Keep west-facing drapes or shades drawn in the afternoon.
  - Have your cooling system checked annually.
- Source: News Canada



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