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Karl Rove knew Valerie Plame was a covert CIA agent



Karl Rove testified in U.S. grand jury that he knew Joe Wilson's wife was an undercover CIA agent when he talked with Time magazine reporter Matt Cooper in July 2003. His testimony closely follows claims by Republicans that Rove did not know that Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, was an undercover CIA agent when he disclosed her identity to Cooper.

Hurricane Emily hits Grenada



Hurricane Emily has hit the small eastern Carribean island of Grenada. The hurricane which has been upgraded to Category 2 status, hit the island early this morning and has caused widespread damage. It has been reported that many buildings have lost their roofs and there has been much flooding.

Palestinian rocket attack kills Israeli woman



A 22-year-old woman was killed in her home by a rocket attack. The rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip. Islamic Jihad and Fatah take responsibility, while IDF accuses Hamas and threatens it is free to act against the organization.

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- The BBC has reported that the chemist Magdi Mahmoud al-Nashar, who is sought by British police in relation to the 7 July London bombings, has been arrested in Egypt.
- In the Philippines, opposition demonstrators demanding resignation of president Gloria Arroyo seize the building of the Department of Agriculture and smash windows before dispersing before police. Her political opponents in the senate want to begin impeachment procedures Governor Luis Singson, claims that he has a tape of a conversation where the jailed president Joseph Estrada is planning to return to power by disposing of whoever would lead the transitional government after Arroyo resigns.
- The United States has opened the border to Canadian live cattle after legal action in its courts.

Bones of a Mammoth possibly found in Silicon Valley

University of California Berkely scientists confirmed on Wednesday that a cluster of fossilized bones found in Silicon Valley are likely the remains of a mammoth

The giant beast would have roamed the area between 10,000 and 40,000 years ago. A palaeontologist said they ffound a pair of elephant-like tusks emerging out the ground.

It could be the remains of a Columbian mammoth.

Pollution in Arctic carried by seabirds



Research by a team from Canada have published a report in the magazine Science stating that seabirds are the main carriers of pollution in coastal ponds in the Arctic.

They showed that local sources of pollution are rare, meaning that seabirds played a proportionally greater role in local pollution. They do not produce pollution themselves, rather, they carry in other forms of marine pollution.

The researchers found levels of DDT 60 times higher, 25 times more mercury, and 10 times higher hexachlorobenzene in ponds that seabirds frequented compared to nearby ponds birds did not use.

All the pollution was originally of human origin - industrial or agricultural.

China to launch second space mission in October



China looks to launch it's second manned space mission in October, two years after it's first flight, a newspaper reported Friday. The government planned to launch a two-man crew into orbit in September or October on a five to six day flight.

The Shenzhou VI capsule will "preferably be launched in early October," said Sun Weigang the director of the Space Department of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp, said in the report in the China Daily newspaper. Chinese officials say to they plan to land an unmanned probe on the moon by 2010 and operate a space station.

Riots in Île-de-France : 70 arrested after 200 cars burned

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Wikipedia Current Events

- 5.0 Richter scale earthquake hits central Philippines. There are no reports of any casualties.
- Paediatrician Sir Roy Meadow has been struck off the medical register by the General Medical Council after finding that he had committed "serious professional misconduct" relating to his testimony as an expert witness in the trial of Sally Clark.

young people on the night of July 13 in Île-de-France, the metropolitan area of Paris. As the police cars arrived, youths began to pelt the vehicles with rocks, firecrackers and bottles. Rioters broke store windows at Argenteuil. Police used flash-balls and smoke grenades. The riots ended with 70 men being arrested. A police officer was wounded by a rocket and was taken to hospital. Shop windows were broken at Argenteuil. It is not the first time vehicles have been attacked on 13-14 July in France.

Possible 'mastermind' of London bombings captured in Egypt



Magdi Asdi el-Nashar

The alleged mastermind behind the London bombings was reported captured in Cairo, Egypt last week. Police believe that a U.S. trained chemist, Magdi Asdi el-Nashar, 33, helped build the bombs that killed over 50 people.

Mr. el-Nashar, who has a PhD from Leeds University, left England two weeks before the bombings. After the London bombings, British authorities initiated a worldwide manhunt that found him in Cairo. State security officials reported they have begun questioning el-Nashar with British agents in attendance.

Mr. el-Nashar arrived in Britain in October 2000 to study for his doctorate, which he was awarded in May. A university spokesperson said he was doing "environmentally friendly research involving chemically inactive substances."

Friends of Mr. el-Nashar said he "was well-liked and showed no interest in politics." His friend, Kadhem Al-Rawi, a doctor in Islamic Principles at the European Institute of Human Sciences in Wales said "He had a great personality. You would never ever expect this kind of action from him. Impossible." This is a recurring theme heard from many of the suspected bombers, families and friends. Many believed the

suspects had little or no motive to carry out the attacks.

BBC security correspondent, Gordon Corera, said it was believed that Mr. el-Nashar handed over keys to a house in Leeds that was used by the bombers. British police are searching a house in Leeds linked to Mr. el-Nashar, although he is not yet formally named a suspect. He told questioners that he was on holiday in Egypt and left all his belongings in his apartment, but his plans were to return to Britain.

The alleged involvement in the attacks by Mr. el-Nashar is yet unclear. Police said they were hunting financiers, supporters and chemists who assembled the bomb used in the attacks.

A man injured in the bus bombing in Tavistock Square died in hospital on Thursday, bringing the number of confirmed victims to 51. Three of the bombers have also been confirmed dead, with the fourth also thought to have died.

Sources have told the BBC that explosives found in one of the homes is from ingredients available from high-street chemists.

They were the same kind of explosive Richard Reid had in his shoes when he tried to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight in 2001.

Anti-terrorist agencies are worried other "educated amateurs" could try to make more of the explosive, and that the risk of accidents in the manufacturing process is very high.

A suspected al-Qaeda member may have entered Britain via a Channel port two weeks before the bombs, but was not kept under surveillance. The man apparently left Britain hours before the blasts.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Met Police commissioner Sir Ian Blair said there was nothing connecting the man to the plot, but added that investigators expected to find evidence linking al-Qaeda to the attacks. He said the bombers were only the "foot soldiers" of the operation and the mastermind was still being sought.

"What we've got to find is, who encouraged them, who trained them, and who's the chemist," he said.

He said police would also work with the Muslim community, which he said had been "close to denial" about extremist preachers, to defeat terrorism. "We will break this horror that has descended upon us," he said.

Suspects

Mohammad Sidique Khan: Aged 30, from Beeston, Leeds, recently moved to Dewsbury, married with baby. ID found at Edgware Road blast site.

Hasib Mir Hussain (confirmed): Aged 18, lived Holbeck, Leeds. Reported missing on day of bombings. Said to have turned very religious two years ago. ID found in No 30 bus.

Shehzad Tanweer (confirmed): Aged 22, born Bradford, lived Beeston, Leeds.

Studied religion in Pakistan. Forensic evidence linking him to Aldgate blast.

Lindsey Germaine: Jamaican-born man who lived in Buckinghamshire.

Kenyans flee homes after Tuesday's raids

Kenyans living near a village where 76 people died in a massacre on Tuesday have fled their homes. 6,000 people from around Turbi village in north-eastern Kenya have gone to Marsabit, the nearest large town. Two men were killed in revenge attacks on Thursday, police said and more huts have been burnt in Turbi. Security forces in armoured cars and helicopters are pursuing the raiders.

Wilson calls for Rove removal

U.S. Federal grand jury testimony by Karl Rove was reported in the press Friday detailing testimony by Karl Rove on the Plame "leak". The information was obtained by Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because of grand jury hearing secrecy. The reported source was in the legal profession.

The press reports followed Thursday's televised call by former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, the husband of one-time CIA operative Valerie Plame, for President Bush to honor his word to remove any

official involved in the Plame leak.

On Thursday's NBC's "Today" show, Wilson said it was time for the President to "stand up and prove to the American people that his word is his bond and fire Karl Rove." and "this cover-up is becoming unraveled. That's why you see the White House stonewalling."

Amid refusals by President Bush or his White House press secretary Scott McClellan to comment on the on-going investigation into the Plame leak, the Bush overall approval rating, now at 45%, has slipped one point from May. The Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll found for the first time that 45% chose poor, versus 41% good, for rating the president as "honest and straightforward". His disapproval rating, now 49%, is up 2 points.

American support for the war effort in Iraq remains strong, at 57 to 42% in favor. And the majority believe the war in Iraq is part of the broader goal of battling global terrorism by a margin of 61 to 34 %.

Given the favorable opinion ratings on the war, the current furor in the press and by partisan Democrats are questions about personal accountability, and not about U.S. war policy. Bush has so far demonstrated by his silence that he is willing to let the matter of Rove be settled by the court.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald is in charge of the federal probe seeking what is believed to involve two officials at the White House. At issue concerning Rove is whether he broke the Intelligence Identities Protection Act. The act makes it a felony crime for Rove to intentionally and knowingly leak the identity of Plame. At the time, Plame was a CIA Counter-proliferation Division employee.

Fitzgerald is not obliged to publicly reveal any information on testimony received during grand jury hearings on the matter, and has not commented. What is known is that Matt Cooper's reporting notes sent by e-mail to his employer TIME magazine show that Rove identified Judith Plame as "Wilson's wife", and from the context of their conversation, Cooper's notes report that she "apparently works" at the CIA.

Whether he revealed that Plame was a covert agent remains to be found.

Mr. Wilson has from the start shown his willingness to comment on the actions of the Bush administration. From his July 2003 Op-Ed piece, which started this whole affair, he was critical of statements made by Bush during his State of the Union Address. Then in August 2003 after his wife's covert cover was blown, came his angry statement to try and get Karl Rove "frog-marched out of the White House in handcuffs".

On Tuesday this week, during the heightened controversy from the Supreme Court ordered release by TIME of Cooper's notes, Wilson said "that Rove was intimately involved in the smear campaign launched after the [Novak] article appeared," according NBC News report. "Now to find out he talked to Matt Cooper before then only compounds the outrage at the abuse of power." Wilson's statements were made off camera.

TeleSUR promotional campaign causes controversy in Colombia

Four Telesur promotions have caused controversy in sectors of the Colombian government. The network, financed by the governments of Argentina, Cuba, Uruguay and Venezuela, started its test broadcastings on May 24 from Caracas. It is expected that the channel will begin its definitive programming on July 24.

The promos are:

A Venezuelan woman is singing in a shower. The refrain says " eta, eta, eta ". Although the word "eta" might a variant for the word "esta" ("this"), for some people it is a clear allusion to the separatist Basque group ETA. The director of teleSUR, Aram Aharonian, said "it's a Caetano Veloso theme, if there was a little more of musical culture we wouldn't have this misunderstandings".

A promo of a documentary series called "Memories of fire", shows Manuel Marulanda Vélez, aka Tirofijo, the main chief of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

A promo shows a protest in Plaza de Bolívar, in Bogotá, against Plan Colombia. A promo show a rural worker talking

against the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

Telesur says that its purpose is counterbalancing to the giants of the news agency in America, like CNN or Univisión. Colombian organisms of intelligence declared to the newspaper El Tiempo that in the channel "there are subjects related to the national and international terrorism" and the channel "shows a negative image of Colombia".

TeleSur already signed an agreement with two regional Colombian channels: the Channel Capital, from Bogota, and the Telepacífico, who transmits to west of Colombia from Cali. According to the agreement the Colombian channels will transmit part of the Telesur programming.

The manager of the Channel Capital, Héctor Pinilla, said that the channel 's directive board will decide the contents of the channel TelesUR which will be transmitted by the regional station. As to the controversy, Pinilla said: " the government sometimes suffers of too much excitement of pursuit. Let it act freely, not on behalf of the extremist sectors, but yes on behalf of the press freedom ".

British girl hospitalized after riding Disney's Tower of Terror

A 16 year-old girl who collapsed in Disney's MGM studios after coming off of the Tower of Terror ride has been hospitalized. The 16 year old from Leicester, England, came off of the ride complaining of a headache and feeling sick. She then collapsed and was believed to have sun stroke. On the way to the hospital in Florida she suffered a heart attack and has been left fighting for her life.

Transporting food costs the UK billions

A report published today by DEFRA, a UK Government department finds that transporting food to and around the country has significant social and environmental costs. The report, carried out by external consultancy AEA Technology, estimates these costs to have been £9 billion (\$16 billion US) in 2002. The Government says it wants to work with the food industry to

reduce social and environmental impacts by 20% by 2012.

The report set out to make an assessment of the impact of food miles and to develop a set of indicators that will show when progress has been made to reduce these negative impacts. The distance that food travels between producer and consumer (food miles) has increased over the past ten years.

Increasing food miles has been seen as undesirable in and of itself but the report says that the situation is more complex and that the mode of transport has to be taken in to account. The increase in food miles between 1992 and 2002 was associated with increasing levels of congestion and increasing emissions of greenhouse gases while emissions of some local pollutants such as SOx and NOx have declined.

The Food and Drink Federation, which speaks for food manufacturers, was concerned about the focus on food miles but welcomed the "acknowledgement that more local sourcing does not automatically reduce the environmental and social costs associated with food miles." The Federation went on to stress that "on imported ingredients, the usual mode of transport used by food manufacturers is by sea, which does not give rise to any significant impacts. Air transport is generally not used by food manufacturers."

Another industry group, the British Retail Consortium said that retailers would "welcome the opportunity to introduce further transport efficiencies into their operations - always working from the principle that making existing resources work harder makes both good environmental and commercial sense."

Environmental campaign group Friends of the Earth is worried that the UK Government will not take the firm action it believes is necessary in the light of the report. A statement from the group said "The Government must get tougher to reduce food miles. Unless it tackles this problem the impacts will become worse and Government targets to reduce carbon dioxide levels will be much harder to achieve."

US Senate debates Rove and intelligence access

GOP Senators voted down an amendment "To protect classified information and to protect our servicemen and women.", attached to a "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations" Bill. The amendment would have revoked access to classified information from federal employees who disclose the information to unauthorized sources. This followed an attempt by Democratic Senators to strip White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove of his security clearance.

The amendment comes as George W. Bush declined to reaffirm his pledge to fire any official involved in the leaking of covert CIA agent Valerie Plame after documents subpoenaed by the U.S. Supreme Court named his chief advisor Karl Rove as a source of the leak.

In a press briefing on September 29th, 2004, White House spokesman Scott McClellan, in response to the question "'Scott, has anyone -- has the president tried to find out who outed the CIA agent? And has he fired anyone in the White House yet?'," stated that "The president has set high standards, the highest of standards for people in his administration. He's made it very clear to people in his administration that he expects them to adhere to the highest standards of conduct. If anyone in this administration was involved in it, they would no longer be in this administration." The next day, in a meeting with business people, George W. Bush said that "If somebody did leak classified information, I'd like to know it, and we'll take the appropriate action." The New York Times and The Washington Post however, misrepresented Bush's promise as a promise to fire only those administration officials who "knowingly" or "illegally" disclosed Plame's identity.

In a press conference this Monday, White House spokesman Scott McClellan was asked if the president stood by his statements made in September 2003, in light of recent evidence that Karl Rove was involved in the leak. Scott McClellan declined to reaffirm this policy, citing an ongoing investigation.

Pressed to explain its statements of two years ago that Rove wasn't involved in the leak, the White House refused to do so.

"If I were to get into discussing this, I would be getting into discussing an investigation that continues and could be prejudging the outcome of the investigation," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

The statements made by Scott McClellan two years ago were made during the investigation that continues and may have prejudged the outcome of the investigation. When reporters asked McClellan to explain this inconsistency, McClellan gave the same response. When asked if the Administration was told not to discuss the investigation while it was ongoing after he claimed that Karl Rove was not involved in the leak, and not before, Scott McClellan gave the same response.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada added this amendment to the Bill: *"No federal employee who discloses or has disclosed classified information, including the identity of a covert agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, to a person not authorized to receive such information shall be entitled to hold a security clearance for access to such information."*

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., amended the amendment: *"...or any federal officeholder who makes reference to a classified Federal Bureau of Investigation report on the floor of the United States Senate, or any federal officeholder that makes a statement based on a FBI agent's comments which is used as propaganda by terrorist organizations thereby putting our servicemen and women at risk, shall not be permitted access to such information or to hold a security clearance for access to such information."*

The first part of this amendment was in response to Joe Wilson's correction of George W. Bush's representation of his and his associates' intelligence assessment regarding uranium in Niger. The second was in response to recent criticism of the treatment of prisoners in detention facilities operated by the United States, most notably at Guantanamo Bay by officials including

Senator Richard Durbin.

The Republican-controlled Senate ultimately voted down both amendments on July 14th.

House Representative Rush Holt, D-N.J., has introduced legislation for an investigation that would compel senior administration officials to turn over records relating to the Plame disclosure.

Torino & Messina thrown out of Italy's Serie A football championship for next season

Torino and Messina are facing the risk of expulsion from Serie A because of fraud. Both clubs submitted false financial information to the Serie A management.

Covisoc, the body who must ratify that all clubs have the funds necessary to be registered for the new season, have found problems with both outfits.

As it stands now, they are not part of the Italian First Division but the pair have submitted an appeal on July 12 against the initial decision.

A final verdict on whether the clubs can compete in the top-flight next term is expected on July 15.

Numerous other clubs in lower Divisions are facing similar problems, with Perugia and Salernitana risking demotion from Serie B. A total of 20 clubs are in trouble in Serie C.

Yankees power surge blacks out Sox relief in 8-6 win

The race in the AL East is alive and well.

The New York Yankees mounted a comeback from an early 4-0 deficit to beat the Boston Red Sox, 8-6, last night, and reduce the Sox' AL East division lead to a mere 1.5 games. The key was the Yankees' hot bats. The Bronx Bombers hit 4 homeruns in total, the last one a thunderous 2-run blast by Alex Rodriguez off converted Red Sox starter Curt Schilling, who was in his first appearance as a relief pitcher after his rehab stint in the minors.

Boston jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead against Yankees starter Mike Mussina, establishing the sort of lead that would usually cause the Yankees to fold during the first half of the season. However, the torrid hitting of the Yankee lineup over the last two weeks would not allow that. Mussina adjusted to the tight strike zone as the game progressed, allowing just one run over the next five innings, and the Yankees chipped away at the BoSox' lead. Bernie Williams, Jason Giambi, and Gary Sheffield all hit solo shots off Red Sox starter Bronson Arroyo. At the end of the sixth inning the score was tied, 5-5, and both starters were done for the day. The game would come down to relief pitching.

David Ortiz put the Red Sox ahead in the bottom of the seventh, hitting a bases-empty home run off Tanyon Sturtze to push the score to 6-5. The Yankees rebounded in the top half of the eighth when Ruben Sierra, pinch-hitting for rookie CF Melky Cabrera, connected for a double, tying the game at 6-all.

Schilling came on in the top of the ninth and promptly hung a 2-2 splitter over the plate for Gary Sheffield, who lined a double off the wall in left-center. Rodriguez was up next, and hit another splitter that never split. The two-run homer gave the Yankees their first lead of the game. Mariano Rivera came on in the bottom of the ninth and silenced the Red Sox bats by striking out the side to end the game, recording his 21st save.

Boston has lost three straight games and is now 10 games over .500 at 49-39. The Yankees (47-40) have won 8 of 9 games dating back to before the All-Star break and currently sit in 3rd place, half a game behind 2nd-place Baltimore.

Notes: Rookie Yankees pitcher Chien-Ming Wang, who has been one of the Yankees' most consistent performers, has been placed on the 15-day DL with a shoulder injury. It has been speculated that Wang, who tore his labrum while in the minors, may be out for the season. Wang was slated to start tonight's game, but will be replaced by Tim Redding as he waits for an appointment with Dr. James Andrews

on Monday...Former Red Sox manager Joe Kerrigan has been signed by the Yankees as an advance scout. General manager Brian Cashman has said that Kerrigan will be used to analyze film of opponents, not as a coach.

Riots in Île-de-France : 70 arrested after 200 cars burned

About two hundred cars were burned by young people on the night of July 13 in Île-de-France, the metropolitan area of Paris. As the police cars arrived, youths began to pelt the vehicles with rocks, firecrackers and bottles. Rioters broke store windows at Argenteuil. Police used flash-balls and smoke grenades. The riots ended with 70 men being arrested. A police officer was wounded by a rocket and was taken to hospital. Shop windows were broken at Argenteuil. It is not the first time vehicles have been attacked on 13-14 July in France.

Age of Britain's Toldpuddle Martyr tree discovered

The tree said to have sheltered the Tolpuddle Martyrs when they met in an attempt to form one of the world's first trade unions has been dated for the first time. The Sycamore Tree is still alive and is under the care of the National Trust in the village of Tolpuddle, Dorset, UK. The Trust calculates that the tree is around 320 years old meaning that it would have been 150 years old when the Martyrs met in 1834.

The story of the Tolpuddle Martyrs is important to many trade unionists in the UK and across the globe. An annual festival is organised in the village by the Trades Union Congress (the umbrella body for trade unions in the UK) attended by thousands of people.

Nigel Costley, the regional secretary of the South West TUC, was quoted as saying: "The Tolpuddle Tree is one of the most famous trees in the country because it was under there that the Martyrs met - a move that led to their deportation, pardon, and ultimately the foundation of the trade union movement."

There were six men in the group who came to be known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs. They were all farm labourers and lived in poverty.

Their leader, George Loveless, decided to set up a union to give the labourers bargaining strength over their wages. Labour associations had been legalised but the men were arrested under a law forbidding the swearing of oaths. They were tried and deported to Australia but were released in 1836.

Palestinian security forces clash with militants, Palestinian Interior Minister Nasser Yousef declares state of emergency

Following an attack on Israel by Palestinian militants, Palestinian Authority (PA) Interior Minister Nasser Yousef has declared a state of emergency. Yousef claims militants opened fire on PA security forces when the security forces stopped the militants firing rockets into Israel. In the firefight 6 militants were injured. Other firefights have broken out in northern Gaza. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) blame Hamas militants for the attacks.

A masked militant in Gaza City told reporters "Resistance is legal and as long as the Zionists are violating the Hudna, or truce, no one would prevent us from responding to these violations, and we would cut the arms of those who would try to halt us".

NHL lockout ends

The National Hockey League and its Player Association came to a long sought after agreement Wednesday over a new NHL Collective Bargaining Agreement, ending a bitter and damaging 301-day lockout of the players. The agreement came after a all-night negotiation session with the union. However, the deal must still be ratified by owners and players. A vote for ratification will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2005.

The deal includes a salary cap for players now. A player's salary cannot exceed 54% of league-wide revenue. Players who still under contract will have a 24% rollback.

Also in the proposed deal are some rule changes. Smaller goaltending equipment, making two-line passes across the neutral zone (from blue-line to blue-line), and shootouts at the end of an overtime period in

the case of tie games are all rules that will probably be enacted when the new season begins.

The lockout was very damaging to the NHL. The league became the first United States sport organization to cancel an entire season. It is the second time the Stanley Cup has not been awarded: the first time was in 1919 during an influenza outbreak.

Rail manslaughter charges are dropped in Hatfield, England

Charges against the five rail bosses accused of manslaughter on four people who died in the Hatfield, England train crash, have been dropped at the Old Bailey.

Alistair Cook, 50, Sean Fugill, 50, Keith Lea, 53, and two executives from Balfour Beatty - Anthony Walker, 46, and Nicholas Jeffries, 53 all denied the manslaughter charges. A charge of corporate manslaughter has also been dropped against the engineering firm Belfour Beatty.

But the five men and their employers, Balfour Beatty and Railtrack, still face health and safety charges under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Four people were killed and many more were injured when a high speed train travelling from Leeds to London derailed just outside Hatfield on 17 October 2000. An investigation after the crash found that a cracked section of rail caused the train to come off the tracks.

After five months on trial, the judge Mr Justice Mackay told the jury to find the men not guilty, saying:

"It is not open to you to convict any of the six defendants on charges of manslaughter"

He added: "I must ask you to accept my ruling, which does not affect one way or the other the important decisions you will have to make when considering verdicts on the health and safety counts."

Mr Justice Mackay made the decision after reviewing the evidence and listening to submissions.

The collapse of yet another high-profile corporate case will more than likely put pressure for changes to current laws to make it easier to prosecute in corporate manslaughter cases. Work on new corporate manslaughter legislation has been under way for more than a decade in response to the problems encountered in bringing successful prosecutions. The latest proposals would criminalise gross management failure and the government has promised legislation before the end of next year.

São Paulo crowned Copa Libertadores champions

São Paulo has won the Copa Libertadores de América competition, beating Atlético Paranaense in the second round of the Final match at home with a score of 4-0. The first round between the Brazilian teams was drawn 1-1 at Atletico's stadium.

Amoroso opened the scoring for Sao Paolo in the 17th minute. On the 45th minute, as the game approached half time, Atletico were awarded a controversial penalty, however, fate would fall Sao Paolo's way as Atletico missed their chance to draw the game level.

Fabao scored a wonder goal for Sao Paolo in the 53rd minute to make it 2-0, and by now, Atletico seemed out of it.

Luizao & Diego Tardelli completed the 4-0 drubbing late on, in what could have been a momentous night for Atletico, turned horribly wrong.

Sao Paolo came out winners and are crowned South American champions for the 2004/2005 season. Sao Paolo will go on to face Liverpool later this year to decide the World Club Championship. Liverpool is this season's European champions.

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New species of dolphin found off Australia

A new species of dolphin, the first to be identified these last three decades, has been

discovered in Australian waters.

It was thought that the Australian snubfin dolphin was in fact an Irrawady dolphin (usually found in Asia and Australia) but DNA tests prove that it is in fact a different species. Its scientific name is *Orcaella heinsohni*, honouring George Heinsohn, an Australian biologist who worked at the James Cook University on dolphins.

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Today in History

- 622 – Beginning of the Islamic calendar.
- 1918 – Russian Revolution: Bolsheviks executed Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and his family at Ekaterinburg.
- 1945 – Manhattan Project: "Trinity", the first nuclear test explosion, was detonated near Alamogordo, New Mexico, United States.
- 1979 – Saddam Hussein took over as President of Iraq, succeeding Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr.
- 1994 – The planet Jupiter was hit by fragments of the Shoemaker-Levy 9 comet.

Quote of the Day

"By the declining day, man is a state of loss, save those who believe and do good works, and exhort one another to truth and exhort one another to endurance." - Qur'an

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