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mbodia (AP) — Roger rred Thursday to call zed salt in Cambodia a lack of the nutrient. lem, although it's not a lemic," said the 76-year r, a goodwill ambassador n Cambodia Wednesday. there and has to be com- phone interview before rovince to visit its salt producing region n Penh. Nations, the percentage ping world using iodine 20 percent in 1990 to 7 mbodia, only 12 percent ized salt. ough," said Moore. "he population are being a healthy life." lldren were born without iency, the world's great- ental retardation, accord- half the children born at risk of developing iodine

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— Peter Fonda has lived father's honors: a star on e. a, who's promoting the lease of his 1971 direc- but "The Hired Hand," 1 the star Wednesday tribute to his place in a ynasty. the son of Henry Fonda. 1 in 1982, and the brothe- ne Fonda — both Oscar His daughter is actress Fonda and his son is onda, a cameraman on "t" and "The Last Ride." e able to join my father r and my son, who is a on," Peter Fonda said at

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Last paying Concorde passengers flying from London to New York

By Jill Lawless
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LONDON — British Airways checked in its last fare-paying Concorde passengers Thursday, a day before scheduled supersonic service ends for good.

Both Thursday's London-New York flight and Friday's final trans-Atlantic return are expected to be full, but Friday's passengers will all be invited guests of the airline, including actress Joan Collins and Concorde frequent flyer Sir David Frost.

Thousands of planespotter are expected to gather near Heathrow Airport on Friday to watch the near-simultaneous landing of the New York flight and two other Concorde — one carrying competition winners from Edinburgh, the other taking guests on a circular flight from Heathrow over the Bay of Biscay.

With that, the era of supersonic commercial flight will be over, at least for now.

British Airways chairman Lord Marshall said Concorde's final day would bring mixed emotions.

"Everyone has enormous pride in all that

she has achieved, but there is inevitable sadness that we have to move on and say farewell," he said.

"The decision to retire Concorde was a tough one, but it is the right thing to do at the right time," he added.

British Airways' announcement last April that it was retiring its seven Concorde spurred an outpouring of affection for the sleek needle-nosed jet.

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But airport authorities asked people not to go to Heathrow Friday for the finale, fearing traffic gridlock in the area west of London.

Hundreds of police will be on duty around the airport's perimeter and parking will be strictly barred, as 1,000 invited guests watch the landing from a grandstand erected near the runway.

The Anglo-French Concorde, which began commercial service in January 1976, was a technological marvel and the ultimate symbol of jet-set glamour. It flew up to 11 miles above the Earth, at up to 1,350 mph, crossing the Atlantic in about 3 1/2 hours. With the five-hour time difference, passengers arrived in New York earlier than they had left London.

But it was ultimately a financial dud. The British and French governments hoped to

sell hundreds of Concorde around the world, but in the end only 16 were built. All went to BA and Air France, which grounded its fleet for good in May.

Concorde never made back the millions invested in it, even with fares of more than \$9,000 for a trans-Atlantic round trip. The July 25, 2000 crash of an Air France Concorde near Paris, which killed 113 people, grounded the planes for more than a year. Concorde returned to service just after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which spawned an aviation slump.

Maintenance costs also were growing for the aging jets. Last April, both airlines announced they would be retiring Concorde.

British Airways said it would make an announcement next week about the fate of its seven Concorde. Most are expected to go to museums.

Virgin Atlantic Airways chief Richard Branson, whose attempt to buy the remaining Concorde was rebuffed by BA, said it was a shame the plane would not be allowed to continue flying.

"Concorde is capable of flying for 20 to 30 years and it should continue to fly," he said.

"We should all make an enormous effort to make sure that Concorde is kept flying in air displays and jubilee events so that future generations can actually see Concorde fly and not in a museum."

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900-year-old ship draws experts to India

By V. M. Thomas
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COCHIN, India — A sailing vessel that experts believe sank off the coast of southern India 900 years ago has been found buried in a rice field and is attracting the attention of international marine, archaeology and conservation experts.

The ship is made of local Indian wood but the craftsmanship is not, leading experts to suggest it was made by ancient Chinese, Japanese, Egyptians or Arabs.

The government of southern Kerala state finished excavating the 22-meter long, 5-meter wide (72-foot long, 16-foot wide) ship in June, after it was found in a rice field in Thaikal, a coastal village some 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of Cochin, the state's commercial hub.

After centuries of land buildup, the ship was 50 meters (160 feet) deep in the inland field when workers tilling the field two years ago noticed its wooden planks protruding.

"Parts of the vessel that we have excavated are sure to throw up lots of light into the maritime

activities in India centuries back. We are now going to organize an international conference of maritime and archaeological experts to unravel the mystery of the ship," P.K. Gopi, head of the Center for Heritage Studies, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The center conducted the excavation and will host the convention in January.

The base of the ship is intact, Gopi said. "We have also unearthed many wooden portions, seven small wooden shelves, different types of shells,

pieces of ropes and bamboo from the vessel."

After carbon-dating tests on the ship's wood, a local variety called Anjili, Gopi said, "We believe the ship to be approximately 920 years old."

"But the techniques used in making this vessel are definitely not Indian."

He said he believed the builders were from China, Japan, Egypt or an Arab country.

Experts from Texas A&M University and Southampton University in Britain have visited the ship.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran turns over documents it says explain its nuclear program

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran on Thursday handed over to the U.N. nuclear agency documents on its past atomic energy activities, calling the dossier a full disclosure of a program the United States contends masks a covert weapons effort.

"We have submitted a report fully disclosing all our past activities in the nuclear field," Ali Akbar Salehi, Iran's representative to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, told reporters.

Neither Salehi nor IAEA Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei would say what the package of documents contained, but ElBaradei said he expected the information to answer all outstanding questions about Iran's nuclear activities.

Poetry

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monthly poetry slams take place.

A&M is currently working to put together slam poetry readings. Jeff Stumpo, a graduate student studying English at A&M, will be the designated "slam master" who will run the competitions.

"I'd originally pitched the idea of a poetry festival that would take place over the span of a weekend," Stumpo said. "But then we decided to do a poetry slam instead."

The Literary Arts Committee plans to hold quarterly slams with prize money. The first of these will be held on Nov. 20 at 8 p.m., location to be announced. More information on poetry slams can be found at the Poetry Slam Incorporated Web site at: www.psi.com or www.dallaslams.com.

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