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Jane Fonda

Actress and businesswoman Jane Fonda has just published an autobiography called "My Life So Far." Fonda became famous in films like "Barefoot in the Park" and "Klute," for which she won the Academy Award for Best Actress. She is perhaps better known for her support of the North Vietnamese during the Vietnam War, which angered many Americans. At a recent book signing event, a Vietnam veteran spat on her. Fonda is also well known for the fitness videos she released in the 1980s.

John Bolton

A Senate committee has delayed a vote on whether or not to confirm John Bolton as the United States' ambassador to the United Nations. Bolton is an attorney who has worked in many government jobs over the years. At first, there was controversy over Bolton's dim view of the U.N. — he once commented that "there is no such thing as the United Nations" and stated that it would not matter if ten floors of the U.N. building disappeared. Now, he is being accused of being an abusive boss as well.

Spain

The entire country of Spain has seemingly come together to celebrate the 400th anniversary of its most famous work of literature. The first volume of "Don Quixote de la Mancha," by Miguel de Cervantes, was published in 1605. This book about an old man who thinks he is a knight went on to world-wide fame as one of the greatest novels ever written. Hundreds of people, from the prime minister to a 6-year-old boy, staged a 48-hour readathon of the massive work in the capital of Madrid.

Iraq

Iyad Allawi, the interim prime minister of Iraq, recently survived an assassination attempt by a suicide bomber. The terrorist group al Qaeda claimed credit for this attempt, which wounded ten people. Iraqis have been trying to form a government, but have not yet been able to put together a coalition. Until a new prime minister can do so, Allawi will remain in charge, where he has been since the U.S. power handover last year. Insurgent attacks appear to have increased in the last few months.