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## Pro baseball agreement reached

After Major League Baseball (MLB) owners and players reached an agreement on player salaries and other issues, the sport's opening day is set for April 7. The start was March 31, but months of disagreements caused a delay. The two sides reached a deal on March 10. A regular season of 162 games will be played with the missed games rescheduled later in the season. The disagreement lasted 99 days, the second longest in MLB history.



Michelle Lujan Grisham

## New Mexico to cover college costs

The New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship Act was signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham on March 4. The state will pay the cost of college tuition for most residents who attend New Mexico public universities, tribal colleges, or community colleges. Lujan Grisham said the law shows belief in the contributions New Mexicans will make "for their families and the future of our great state."



Emilio Delgado

## Beloved actor is remembered

Emilio Delgado, who played Luis the handyman on the children's TV show *Sesame Street* for 44 years, has died at the age of 81. Born in California, he spent his childhood in Mexico, where he developed a love of music. He often played his guitar on the show. His "warmth and humor invited children to share a friendship that has echoed through generations," the show said in a statement.



**GOING GLOBAL**  
In 1967, the first McDonald's outside the US opened in Canada. Today, McDonald's has restaurants in more than 100 countries.

A McDonald's restaurant in Russia

## US companies pull business from Russia

Nearly two weeks after Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, many major US companies that provide goods to consumers began pulling their business out of Russia. On March 9, McDonald's said it would close its restaurants there, saying that "our values mean that we cannot ignore the needless human suffering unfolding in Ukraine." Several other US companies, including Starbucks and Coca-Cola, have suspended their operations in Russia as well.

Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion, claiming incorrectly that Ukraine is part of Russia. Since then, Russia has been bombing Ukrainian cities to try to take over the country. From Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, President Volodymyr Zelensky is encouraging his military to fight back. Dozens of nations have provided military and humanitarian support to Ukraine and imposed economic sanctions (penalties) on Russia.

The US consumer companies followed the lead of major US technology firms. On March 1,

Apple became the first major US tech company to announce that it would no longer sell its products in Russia. Microsoft said on March 4 that it would halt new sales in Russia. Gaming company Electronic Arts and software company Oracle pulled their apps from Russia.

For some companies, taking a stand could mean losing money. McDonald's could lose about 9% of its revenue (income) with its 850 restaurants in Russia closed. It also donated \$5 million to its

Ukrainian employees' assistance fund.

Some of the decisions by US companies could affect ordinary Russians, many of whom don't support the war. They could face a food shortage, for example. But US companies hope the boycotts will help convince Putin to end the war.

"We will continue to monitor the situation," said a spokesperson for

Warner Bros., the US entertainment company, which paused the release of its movie *The Batman* in Russia. "We hope for a swift and peaceful resolution to this tragedy."



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