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Per Bob Dylan; 'The times they are a changin'. Let us review some recent changes in the racquetball and court sport world:

...After 40 years, Fran Davis is retiring as Promotion Manager for Head/Penn.

...The Gearbox Blue Racquetball will soon be taking over as the *Official Ball* of USAR. New Mexico will continue to use the ProPenn Green as its *Official Ball for most* events. IRT Pro and IRF racquetball tournaments will use the Gearbox Sleek Black.

...Racquetball will be part of the World Games this August,, the first time in China and the third time in Asia. The host city is Chengdu, with 20 million inhabitants. Squash will also be a part of the 12th *World Games*. About 5000 athletes representing 100 countries are expected.

...Congratulations to the new General Manager at the Midtown Sports & Wellness club in Albuquerque; Mike Bova. Mike is not new to Midtown, as he served as Assistant General Manager a few years ago.

...The WSRC and National Masters groups cooperated on the 39th edition of the World Senior Racquetball Championships in 2024; the primary venue in Lombard, Illinois. This year, they will be holding separate events in the summer; National Masters back to Lombard in July and the WSRC #40 in Las Vegas, NM August 26-30.

...New Mexico (Midtown) will host the National Paddleball Singles/Doubles in November.

UPCOMING

<i>April 4-6</i>	Mark Bussen Torneo de Raquetbol, Clovis CC SAC; Clovis, NM
<i>May 1-4</i>	Cinco de Mayo, Riverpoint Sports & Wellness; Albuquerque
<i>May 16-18</i>	Pagosa Spring, PLPOA Recreation Center; Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>June 27-29</i>	Ralph Waddington NM Games; Midtown Sports & Wellness, Albq.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

'Make assumptions; and, have a back-up plan' S Bache

