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## Critics: Return \$2M for UNM Park

### New board president

UNM regents on Monday will vote for a new board president. Former President Raymond Sanchez was not reappointed this year.

A majority of regents say they plan to replace him with Jack Fortner, a Farmington attorney. Fortner was reappointed by the governor in February to serve a third term. He has been a regent since 1999. Last year, he was vice-president.

UNM regents will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in ballroom C of the Student Union Building.

### ■ Money appropriated for baseball stadium renovations

By JAMES MONTELEONE  
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Critics of the University of New Mexico's proposal to renovate its baseball stadium say the project's \$2 million appropriation should be returned to the state and directed toward more worthy projects.

UNM athletics is asking regents to approve a \$3 million renovation to its baseball park, including field improvements, 900 permanent seats and new team locker rooms. The project would be funded by a \$2 million appropriation from former Gov. Bill Richardson and another \$1 million in private donations.

The full Board of Regents is expected to cast a final vote on the project Monday. A regents committee last week unani-

mously supported the baseball renovation.

UNM says the improvements are needed because the team has restricted access to its current home at Isotopes Park. At the professional park owned by the city, the team isn't allowed to practice, games face frequent scheduling conflicts and the team loses some "home field advantage" playing for fewer than 1,000 fans in a 12,000-seat stadium, according to athletics officials.

But some students and faculty say UNM sends the wrong message by breaking ground on an improved baseball facility while the university is weighing deep budget cuts affecting academics.

The state could consider reallocating the money to a project that was left unfunded when voters rejected high education bonds last fall, said Lissa Knudsen, president

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### New Dinner Service Has People Chopping For More

By Corey Phillips

Journal Food Editor

No longer do north valley residents need to reserve a banquet room at a local hotel or restaurant to conduct a dinner party for friends or relatives. Chef Susan, owner and main ingredient in the new business called Carefree Dinner Party Services LLC has hit town with a splash (and a dash!). Five star service in your home.

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