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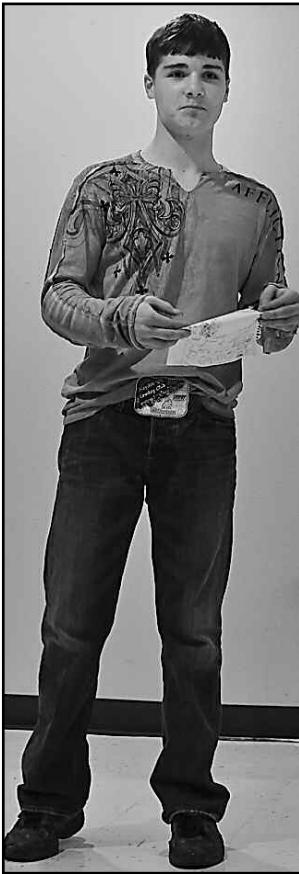
Students ages 3-5 got a treat on Thursday when Rocky the Bus paid an informational visit to the Trinidad Head Start program on Alta Street. The Head Start students were enthralled by the talking, animated school bus that opened its eyes, spun around and flashed its lights while teaching the children about bus and pedestrian safety. Transportation Manager John Smith said he brings Rocky to the local Head Start for a safety presentation two to three times a year. "He draws them right in like a magnet," Smith said. Rocky shows off his warning lights and spins around to show the kids his emergency exit. He also tells the children to be aware of the bus's "danger zone" – a 10-foot area around the bus in which the driver cannot always see kids getting on or off the bus.



Poet-in-residence Beata Tsosie came from Santa Clara Pueblo.



Samantha Green



Austin Vincent

of four people standing on the stage found itself improvising a flamenco-styled accompaniment to a long rhythmic poem by Boyce. As it ended in laughter, people finally started filing out. One comment seemed to sum up the feeling of many. A local woman remarked, "Now that was something different!"



Photos by Tim Keller

Albuquerque poet Manuel González brought slam poetry to Des Moines.



Jon Cruz



Diego Martinez



Aunna Walker



Ryan Martin

REMINDER TO CITY OF RATON REGISTERED VOTERS

ELECTIONDAY I S TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010. Sample ballots are available at the Office of the City Clerk, the Arthur Johnson Memorial Library, Raton Senior Citizens Center and the City website www.ratonNM.gov.

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk at 224 Savage Avenue or by calling 575-445-9451. The deadline for the Clerk to ISSUE absentee ballots is February 26, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot, by a member of the voter's immediate family or by the caregiver of the voter until 7:00 P.M. on March 2, 2010.

Early Voting begins on February 10, 2010 and ends February 26, 2010. Voters wishing to vote prior to Election Day may come to the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours (8-5), Monday through Friday, file an application, and cast their vote by voting machine.

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