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### QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

Send your questions or suggestions for the editors of EnergyWise to:  
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### SAFETY TIPS

For the new year, resolve to improve the electrical safety of your home:

- Check electric cords for damage.
- Avoid overloading electric outlets with too many items at once.
- Don't operate electrical appliances near a water-filled bathtub or sink

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## COMPLETED

### SMPA I.Q. Solar Array Norwood, Colorado



A GRID Alternatives Volunteer secures one of the 744 solar panels which comprise the SMPA I.Q. Solar Array in Norwood, Colorado. The array will generate power for Income-qualified consumers.

## I.Q. Solar a Win for SMPA Communities

### Efficiency & Solar Combined to Cut Bills for Income-Qualified Members

On Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, partners, media and community gathered together to celebrate the completion of San Miguel Power Association's (SMPA's) I.Q. Solar array. This is the second solar power generator to be added to SMPA's power grid and the first to be dedicated to members who may struggle to pay electric bills.

"SMPA has long been a leader in energy efficiency and renewable energy," said SMPA Board President Rube Felicelli. "We are now making home efficiency upgrades and local renewable energy readily available to our lower income members through SMPA's 'IQ' or 'income-qualified' Weatherization and Solar Programs. We are excited to join with our partners to reduce our carbon footprint while also reducing the financial burden of high electrical bills on local families in need."

The partners include the Colorado Energy Office, the Telluride Foundation, GRID

Alternatives-Colorado, and San Miguel County.

Support from San Miguel county was essential to this project's success. Their generous contribution of land makes the project rather unique. The site is a former landfill that was closed down in 1990. Since then, it's potential uses have been extremely limited. The new array is installed on concrete ballasts that rest on the surface, with zero ground penetration.

Another unique aspect of this project is its inclusion of an efficiency component. According to SMPA CEO, Brad Zaporski, "The participants must participate in an all-encompassing weatherization program on their home before they are eligible for the IQ solar program. Therefore, this program will not only help people who get behind on their utility bills. It will help fix what is usually the root of the problem; a very inefficient home."

SMPA CEO, Brad Zaporski, Telluride Foundation CEO, Paul Major, SMPA Board President, Rube Felicelli, Colorado Energy Office Representative, Adrienne Dorsey, and GRID Alternatives CEO, Chuck Watkins install the last solar module on the I.Q. Solar Array.





# Resolve to get Rebates!

## New Year's Resolutions:

- Lose Weight
- Finish the Garage
- Take Advantage of SMPA Home Energy Efficiency Rebates!

SMPA offers rebates for Energy Star appliances, LED Lighting, HVAC, Water heaters, Weatherization & Energy Audits, Electric Vehicles, Motors, & more...

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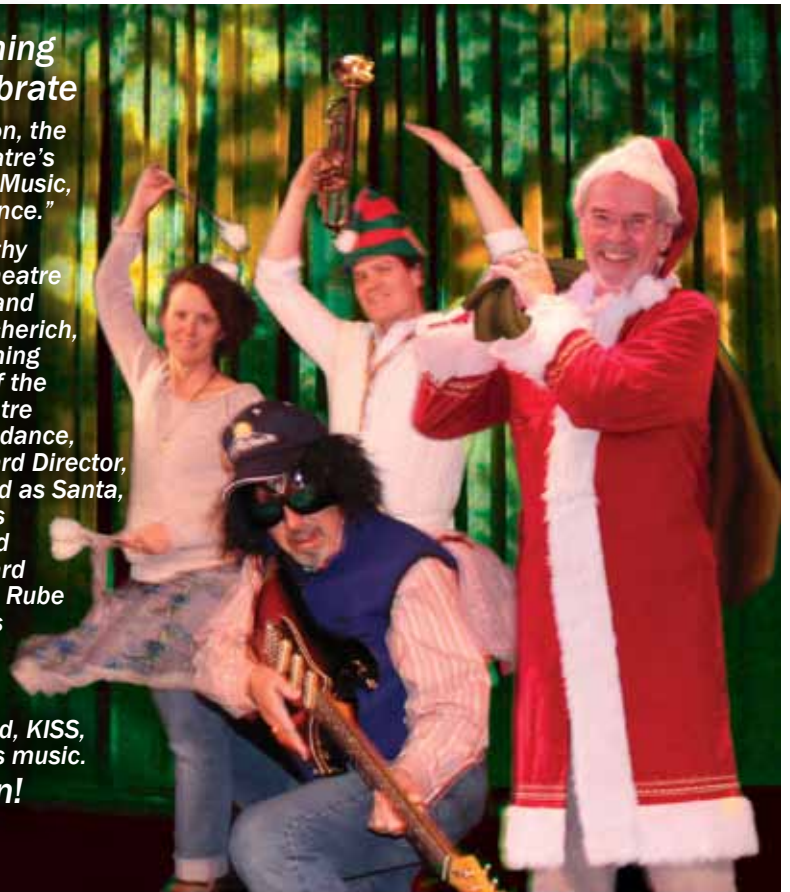
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## Something to Celebrate

This season, the Palm Theatre's theme is "Music, Magic, Dance."

R to L: Kathy Jepson, Theatre Manager and Nathan Scherich, Programming Director of the Palm theatre represent dance, SMPA Board Director, Jack Sibold as Santa, represents magic, and SMPA Board President, Rube Fellicelli as the great Gene Simmons of the band, KISS, represents music. **Rock on!**



## The Palm: Powered by... SMPA!

Community Theatre Expands Service; Receives Co-op Support

PalmArts Inc. is a non-profit, independent performing arts organization working within the Telluride School District's performing arts venues.

As part of Palm Arts mission to bring in dynamic, relevant professional acts, they have put together a winter lineup of shows under the theme, "Music, Magic and Dance." SMPA was proud to support these shows that entertain and inspire local students and residents alike.

The Michael D. Palm Theatre—an impressive 650 seat theater with state-of-the-art technical abilities also provides subsidized venue rentals to over two dozen community groups. Recently-completed this year, they also

introduced a 120 seat black box theater and an impressive new dance studio. With these three spaces, PalmArts Inc. is poised to become a major hub of Performing Arts serving the region.

Learn more at [www.telluride.com/michael-d-palm-theatre](http://www.telluride.com/michael-d-palm-theatre)



The Palm's new 'Black Box' seats 120 & brings audiences closer to performers.



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