## publishes Western adaptation of Shakespear

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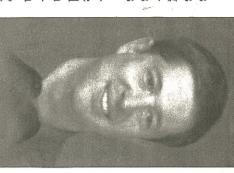
"A Midsummer Night's tion of Shakespeare's contract for his adaptaearned him a publishing passion for theatre has Dream." One Canon City man's

of the first high school play publishing and liwhich is one of the na-"A Midsummer Night's contract to have his play, since he was company's scripts. which was one of the Regards to Broadway," plays Mergelman percensing companies. One tion's largest full-service Pioneer Drama Service, ber Mergelman signed a school. Just this Novem-Western," published by man's passion formed in was "Give My theatre John August Mergel has in high endured for the

being to Mergelman and pany's reading two of the comets and mailed them to he purchased two tick-Playwrights them their cards. the company. After the Lakewood as part of the Community College in Summer" at Red Rocks "The Shortest Night of introduced When his play representatives performed Showcase as

Mergelman adapted

else's translation. Since



JOHN AUGUS MERGELMAN

Dream." from Shakespeare's "A mer Midsummer Night's Western,

to write something else," he said. melodrama but wanted "I like the flavor of

wanted to adapt the origiquelin's play because he ed against adapting Poever, Mergelman decid-Baptiste Poquelin, also known as Molière. Howtuffe ou l'Imposteur" by rather adapted was overrated. Instead mits that he has always Shakespeare's he Although Mergelman adapted his play from nal play and not someone French Playwright Jean-Mergelman would thought that Shakespeare "Tarhave ad-

option for him. excluded the play as an someone else translate it inal play without having French adapting the orig-

story and some of Shakecorporated Native Amer-"A Midsummer Night's to the time period. changes to update them speare's characters, who rado at the end of the have undergone name Western," is set in Colo-19th century. He has in-Mergelman's folklore into the play

coyote, which is known Shakespeare's characters of Oberon, the fairy king king in Native American has been replaced by the to Oberon, the fairy king aptation Puck, a servant in Mergelman's version. Helena, Lysander and lore. Iktome, the spider Native American folkas a master trickster in Helen, Lester and Phyllis Philostrate have become folklore takes the place In Mergelman's ad-

speare used 10 syllables per line. While Shakepoetic value writing in added a western flair to found 14 made writing in every line Mergelman ing there are 14 syllables his version but gave it a iambic heptameter, mean-Mergelman may have

simpler, he said.

In April Red Rocks

play available for rent. 2008 man expects that someof Steve Kelly. Mergelplay under the direction produce Services could have his ume in the summer of Pioneer Drama

a tragedy, he said. and the play is no longer Juliet have been switched sion. Only in this play adaptation of Romeo and Juliet to a western verthe roles of Romeo and ished a rough draft of an He has recently fin-

emy as a Language Arts at the Royal Gorge Acadplays Mergelman works teacher. When he isn't writing

Gunnison Valley. generation native of the Mergelman is a fourth-

and Carol Blackburn o Mergelman of Florence Canon City, a teacher in He is the son of Rudl

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story of Colorado's inman, which tells the performance He also starred in that ternational circus star. his musical, Bird Mill-Civic Theatre presented

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