

Local moviemakers make it happen

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Jeff Priskorn should be counting the days before his first feature-length movie premiere in December. But it's more likely that the busy director/actor/musician will have to break away from his unending schedule if he wants to enjoy his debut with fans and well-wishers.

Arbor Daze, a horror-comedy with an environmental theme, premieres at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the Roseville Theater.

The film centers around an

environmentalist who believes huge corporations are destroying the world. The protagonist opens a campground retreat for the corporations and, one by one, he kills them off in what Priskorn calls "a humorous way."

"We decided to do a horror film first because it's the easiest to make," said the 32-year-old Berkley resident, referring to the production company, Loose Change Entertainment, he co-owns with Dan Corrigan of Huntington Woods and John Kerr of Plymouth. "You set it in the woods, get the fake blood and see

what you can do."

— It seems this threesome can do a lot. In addition to movie making, they also run Loose Change, an award-winning cable access comedy show that airs on Comcast and Wide Open West. On the air since 1996, the program features sketch comedy with music and computer animation.

Their latest effort, *Love and Plutonium*, is a feature-length movie deemed a "sensational comic book-type romantic comedy."

Writer Jacquie Floyd, 28, of

Shelby Township said the idea for the film came partly from a quote by American anthropologist Ashley Montagu: "Without love, intelligence is dangerous. Without intelligence, love is not enough."

Priskorn and Floyd, who date off-screen, are spearheading the *Love and Plutonium* project. Floyd said having Priskorn around during the writing process was a great help to her.

"Any time I came to a brick wall, Jeff had another idea ready to open another door," she said.

The duo, along with the rest of

the cast and crew of *Arbor Daze*, plan a well-deserved break for their movie premiere. Co-director Corrigan said he looks forward to seeing viewers' reactions to the film.

"We had fun making the movie, and it will be exciting and fun to get feedback from the audience," Corrigan said. "We're amazed sometimes at what we've accomplished. A lot of people talk or think about doing stuff, but never do it. I guess we've got that going for us."

More 'Change'

■ The premiere of *Arbor Daze* is at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 with a second showing at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Roseville Theatre. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call (586) 445-7810 or visit www.loosechange.tv.

■ The cable show "Loose

Change" airs at 9 p.m. Fridays on Comcast (Channel 52) and WOW (Channel 18)- check your cable guide. Visit www.loosechange.tv.

■ Information about *Love and Plutonium* can be found at www.loveandplutonium.com.