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Berkley mayoral candidates begin race

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On the heels of Berkley Mayor John Mooney's announcement that he will not run for re-election this fall, two active leaders in the Berkley community, Alan Kideckel and Fred Collins, have announced they'd like the job.

Both men pulled petitions at city hall last week. The men must gather 100 signatures from registered voters in Berkley and submit the signatures before 4 p.m. on August 2.

Collins has served on Berkley's city council for the last eight years. Kideckel

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Berkley couple makes 'Love & Plutonium'

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Berkley newlyweds Jeff Priskorn and Jacquie Floyd are premiering Priskorn's first solo project as a director, "Love & Plutonium," at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 23 at the Emagine Theater in Novi.

The screening, which is free, is a project Priskorn took on after his wife was inspired by the song "Living at Home" by the band Throwing Toasters.

The song is about a man in his 30s who never grew past the nerdy kid stage and still lives at home because he doesn't want to pay rent.

But the character played by Nate Topie of Imlay City is more than a nerdy slacker. He's also an evil genius named Dr. Medlo.

The film is about superheroes spawned from the creative mind of a little girl whose parents are always fighting.

"It helped warm up the movie, (to make it) as a story from a little girl," Priskorn said. "It was her way to escape what's going on."



Dr. Milo Medlo (Nate Topie) and Hank the Henchman (Jeff Priskorn) inspect the spoils of their plutonium heist in the new movie "Love and Plutonium."

Floyd and Priskorn wrote the movie together. The superheroes live in Suburbiaville and when the evil genius falls in love, Priskorn said "it wreaks havoc."

He describes the film as a romantic

comedy.

"We wanted to find the comedy in (a situation) when good falls in love with evil and everybody forgets what their job is supposed to be," he said.

Priskorn, 34, is a computer software

engineer now, but he hopes to turn moviemaking into full-time work. He said after graduating from Wayne State University in 1993 and working just with computers for a few years, he realized he needed more creativity in his life.

He developed a partnership with Dan Corrigan of Huntington Woods and John Kerr of Plymouth in 1995.

The trio named its company Loose Change Entertainment. "Love and Plutonium" is the company's second movie. The group also produces the "Loose Change Show," a sketch comedy program that airs on public access television in Royal Oak on Friday nights.

Five of the main characters in the film are local. Priskorn plays Hank the Henchman, Floyd plays Little Liberty. Meghan Vigeant of Royal Oak plays Holly, the love interest of Dr. Medlo. Maggie Patton of Ferndale plays Justice Kitten and Mark Holden of Royal Oak plays Dr. Medlo's mother, Millicent.

For more information visit www.loosechange.tv or www.loveandplutonium.com.