If someone made a movie about a muscular mercenary who infilirates a Banana Republic run by a malevo-lently obstreperous miscreant and kills or mains more people than Rambo ever dreamed of, using every weapon in creation, nine West Bloomfield men would be first in line, providing the movie opened on Tuesday.

"If it says kill or die in the title, we've probably seen it," said Joel Buss, a mild-mannered stock broker who cuts a caper once a week with

Buss, a mild-mannered stock broker who cuts a caper once a week with the "Latchkey Boys Tuesday Night Movie Club." We usually try to see something that's not popular with our wives, "said club founder Bob Weinstock, a podiatrist. "We have very low ideals about seeing litms. It has to have no redeeming social significance."

SAID MEMBER Martin Rosen-feld: "The film must have as much blood and gut as possible. We work very hard to pick just the proper film."

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Of the club's nine members, all men in their 40s, 50s and 50s, six have wives in real estate, a profession that frequently keeps its practitioners occupied into the evening. "We don't know (what the women do on Tuesday night)." Rosenfeld and. "They're probably working. At least I know where (my wife) is, or where sahe supposed to be."

As founder, or "flounder" as Busses calls him, wintock's responsibility is to chose each week's film. ("It's not terribly democratic," Rosenfeld said.) They're seen all the "Missing in Action" movies, all the Rambo movies, all the Jean Claude Van Danner movies, all the Chuck Norris, Arnold Schwarzmenger and Sleven Seagal movies, and "every kick boxer movies valiable," Weinstock said.

ADDED BUSS, "We don't neces-

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sarily need sex. We don't even look for sex. It's just a nice night out with he gays, and nobody gets in trouble. It gives me an excuse to eat popcorn and talk with the boys. Haft he time you can't remember the title." Yet the cabal is so tightly anti that when Rosenfeld got married recently, the "boys" required his wife to sign a prenuptial agreement to the cifect that she will "understand and accept the fact that my betrothed may go to see any damm movie we select, and I many not try to influence his going to that particular movie."

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But the wives aren't entirely left out. Once in a while the boys permit their wives to accompany them, but not too often. "Maybe once a year we allow them to go out with us on this kind of basis." Weinstock said. "But we make them sit in a different row so they won't bother us."

A TYPICAL TUESDAY evening

A TYPICAL TUESDAY evening for the group starts at an area restaurant at 6 p.m. They often frequent the Rikshaw inn on Orchard Lake Road where they have a pet waiter. "We've trained Richie to believe 5 percent is an excessive Up," Buss barked.

But Tuesday they are at the Golden Phoenix, a new restaurant on Orchard Lake Road. From there they packed into a couple cars and sped down the street to the Americana West theaters where they saw Ricochet," spilling popeons and violating the theater's rule against talking, no doubt.

Their chief interlocutor is Al Stein, who is "an authority on everything." Buss said. "He taught God everything be hown."

In fact, Weinstock said Americana's "Silence is Golden" policy was instituted because of Stein's prediction for running commentary during tilms. That (rule) has solding to owith children crying." Weistock institute.

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movies with a running line of (Al's) commentary. Buss said.
Although there are some theaters the club no longer visits, it's not the fault of Stein's loquactors behavior. "They stopped showing the kind of movies we like," Rosenfeld said.
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Of course, the club has a rule that everyone must sit all the way through every movie, but Bruce Willis' "Hodson Hawk" put a stop to the country blis well.

its "Hodson Hawk" put a stop to that earlier this year.
"I was ready to walk out after seven minutes, but we made it to an hour." Buss said. "It was a real ston."

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"You can only take a certain amount of pain," Weinstock added. The other club members are Richard Abel, Mike Browner, Dow Yunis, Ray Zelch and Jerry Sonnenschein, Membership is by invitation only, but there are no dues. "We maintain ou treasury," Weinstock sald. "It's pay or don't go."



There are those who go for movies like "Barton Fink," and then there are those who prefer something a little more subtle, like a good Jean Claude Van Damme movie. Those would be

The Latchkey Boys, who are, from left: Dow Tunis, Ray Zeich, Joel Bruss, Michael Browner, Bob Weinstock, Al Stein, Martin Rosenfeld and



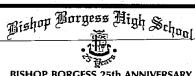






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