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**ONE ON THE AISLE**

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**THE ICE CREAM KING**

**by Rosemary Frisino Toohey**

Rosemary Toohey has a knack on how to make the human condition funny. Real life seems to be funnier if it is not contrived in any way. It is good to be able to laugh at ourselves.

Maverick Players, with the last show of their season, opened with **THE ICE CREAM KING** on Nov. 3 at their home off the Food Court at Midland Park Mall. Once again I, on No. 11, went down the hall and took a left at the lighted cow and sat down.

**THE ICE CREAM KING** takes place back east, maybe Union City, New Jersey... why not? I must say this was the great cast for this show, for the most part accentless except for David Willis as Mr. Ragoni, who owns the pizza parlor. Willis is perfect for this play with his New Jersey accent/attitude. When I first read the play, his was the voice I could hear.

The normal Texas accents weren't really there.

The family of Lenny, the Ice Cream King were either lots of fun or a real pain. Lenny, played by Scott Aycock is happy with his lot in life, selling ice cream in his own shop — Scoop To Nuts (great name!) Aycock was well cast in this role — quiet, unassuming, an all around nice guy.

Gloria Stephenson as his grandmother was perfect! Ms. Stephenson's timing is on the money. Just her inflections bring on the laughter. The character doesn't always know what's

going on, but the ending of this piece was well worth the wait because of Grandma.

Mom is played by Charlotte Larson. A typical mom, she just wants to believe everything will turn out right in the end. Her daughter Maia is played by Kathy Parker. This is the character I wanted to tell to just go away. Maia's ability to wrongly use the English language was her saving grace as a character in the comedy, otherwise she is just a not to bright snob who knows what is best for her brother.

The whole cast was well chosen for this play. Eric Uresti plays Joe his friend who keeps trying to get Lenny to date and Allan Jeter is Sam the repairman.

Charlotte Dameron, who never fails to charm an audience plays Lorraine, the young lady who comes into the ice cream shop.

Everyone in this play makes the evening's entertainment a good one.

You can still get tickets for **THE ICE CREAM KING** and you should, it ends Nov. 19. Call the ticket office at 522-5225, tell Sue Bob you need at least two.

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