

Hills girl quizzes young actress

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Although there's Girl Scout camp in her future, it will be hard for Alicia Polk to top the excitement she has already experienced this summer.

The 9-year-old Farmington Hills girl recently interviewed the star of the Nickelodeon Studios first feature motion picture release, "Harriet the Spy," which opened across the country July 10. Alicia interviewed "Harriet" for WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in Detroit. The interview is scheduled to air during a newscast soon, although a specific time wasn't given.

Alicia, a fifth grader, and her sister, Kristina, 6, a first grader at Beechview Elementary School, saw a preview screening of the movie last month. Their

dad, Tom, is a manager in the creative services department at Channel 7.

Based on a book by the same name, the movie stars 11-year-old Michelle Trachtenberg as Harriet and popular actress and daytime television talk show hostess Rosie O'Donnell.

"The girl pretends she's a spy and she spies on her neighbors and friends," explained Alicia. "A bossy neighbor finds her spy book where she has written all about her classmates and imaginary tales and her life is turned upside down."

That's all of the movie plot Alicia was willing to reveal.

She and her sister and their mom, Melinda, enjoyed the movie and gave it two thumbs up.

"Rosie O'Donnell was only in

about 25 percent of the movie. Michelle is really the star," said Alicia of the child actress who began her acting career doing TV commercials.

The 11-year-old actress has been acting since age 3, she told Alicia. She has starred in a couple of Nickelodeon television shows, including "Pete & Pote" and "Clarissa." She also has a role in the long running ABC soap opera "All My Children."

Melinda Polk brought her daughters to the Southfield television studio to meet the actress, who was scheduled to be interviewed by veteran Channel 7 reporter John Klekamp. Klekamp was so impressed with Alicia's questions for the young actress that he let her conduct

the interview.

"She collects Barbies," said Alicia. "I couldn't believe I was really interviewing her. I asked her if she wanted to be a spy. She said no, but that it was fun to act like a spy. She wants to be an actress when she grows up. She was really nice."

Alicia says she hopes to be an artist when she grows up, but she hasn't ruled out television reporter as a career choice.

"This was her second time on television," said her mom. "She was on Kelly & Company showing crafts for kids with a children's author before."

Alicia admits to being Michelle's biggest fan.

"I've already written her a letter," she said.

Miss Teen All American pageant seeks contestants

The Miss Teen All American pageant system is looking for candidates.

The Miss Michigan Teen All American pageant will be staged Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6, at the Royce Hotel in Romulus. The 1996 event is the official preliminary to Miss Teen All American, now in its 19th year and staged annually in Florida.

Judging is on the basis of poise, personal interview and beauty. There is no talent

competition. To qualify, a young woman must be age 13 to 19 as of Aug. 1, 1997, never married and a U.S. resident.

To apply, send a recent photo along with your name, address, telephone number and date of birth by fax or mail to: Dept. C, Miss Michigan Teen All American, 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling WV 26003-9819. Or send fax to 1-304-242-6341.

Miss Michigan Teen All American will

receive a host of prizes including an expense paid trip to Florida next August to compete in the pageant. She will vie for a prize package that includes a personal appearance contract, cash, jewelry, luggage and more. In addition, all contestants will be interviewed by representatives from the tv/film industry and modeling agency personnel.

Miss Michigan Teen All American 1995 is Samantha Losinski of Grand Blanc. Deadline to apply is July 19, 1996.

Hills church honors youth for Christian character

Nicholas Kostas Voutsinas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kostas Voutsinas of Livonia, was recently presented with the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church of Farmington Hills Youth of the Year award for

1996. It is awarded annually to the young person who has made the most outstanding growth and development in Christian character.

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