



like father -- like daughter

crack news cameraman's 9-year-old a photo whiz

It's not too surprising that the daughter of an ace newspaper cameraman should develop an interest in photography.

But it is surprising that any girl, even when she has a father like The Detroit Free Press' Tony Spina, should be toting a professional's camera around at the age of 9—and consistently coming up with good pictures.

Julie Spina had been snapping photographs for some time with her Brownie when Eastover school's science fair came up recently. The fair, though, was a special occasion, so Julie persuaded her father to let her take his Kalloflex, twin-lens reflex, and electronic flash unit to school to photograph the fair and its visitors.

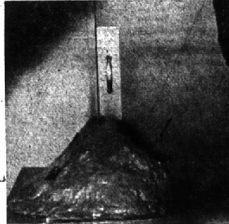
Tony and his wife weren't expecting much from their daughter's first outing with a more complicated camera, but Julie surprised them not just with a couple of good shots but with more than two dozen exceptional pictures, several of which are published here.

(Julie is one of two girls in the Spina home, on Squirrel road Bloomfield township. The Spinns also have a 5-year-old daughter and a son, 11, who hasn't the slightest interest in photography.)

Not a "Life" photographer but Little Julie Spina, loaded down with dad Tony's twin-lens reflex and strobe unit.



What is everyone in the photo at left watching so intently? It's the eruption of a volcano. The project of sixth grader Fritz Vogt, the volcano is eyed by Eastover principal William H. McGuire in the photo below.



Merrill Bates (left), Bloomfield Hills board of education president, and Eastover fifth grade teacher Clinton C. Cook discuss the school's science fair exhibits.



A third grade classmate of Julie's, Robert Charles Juk, operates his science fair project, a telegraph.



Mrs. Gloria Burke, Eastover third grade teacher, displays a human heart loaned the science fair by Dr. Albert Ulbrich of Sussex road.



Sister Kathy, 5, sporting this home-made cardboard banner, got into the show . . . as a visitor . . . and into Julie's photographic series.

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