One in a million

Local homemaker tries for big TV bucks

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Judy Tigay envisioned her fate the night before she returned to the hot seat.

The West Bloomfield resident, whose husband of 30 years, Barry, runs a psychological clinic in Bloomfield Hills, was sleeping in her New York hotel room on a Sunday night before her big video-taping Feb. 7 on the popular TV game show. Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* and dreamt her winning streak would end.

"I was sitting in that chair and I answered the question wrong and there was nothing I could about it." Tigay said.

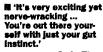
After answering 12 questions and reaching the \$125,000 money-winnings terd. Tigay before the property of the S250,000 question when she did not pick Alan Smithee as the fictitious name movie directors use when they don't want to be listed in a film's credits. She atill left New York \$32,000 richer.

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"I wanted to go for it," Tigay said. "I didn't want to walk away from the challenge. I wanted to go for the million."

She's not losing sleep over her



Judy Tigay game show contestant

"No amount of money compares to the love of your family," Tigsy said "I have no regrets and I stand by my choice and the way I saw it."

The Tigays have six children. The five oldest, Jenny, Sarah, Donielle, David and Joey, are graduates of Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. The youngest, Beny, is a sixth grader at West Hills Middle School. Judy Tigay said she loved the five-day trip to New York, which she took with two daughters and where some of her extended family lives. The game show paid for two round-trip plane tickets, hotel accommodations and \$50 per diem.

The Tuesday "Millionaire" show was taped the previous Friday and Thursday's show was the one recorded Monday, At age \$4. Tigay wan the show's oldest

Judy Tigay receives a goodbye kiss from game show host Regis Philbin before leaving the show with



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Family: Judy Tigay, her daughter, Sarah, and husband, Barry, in their West Bloomfield home.

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"It was very exciting, yet nerve-racking because there's a lot of pressure on one person," she said. "You're out there by yourself with just your gut instinct."

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Flirting with Regis

She flirted with host Regis
Philbin, saying in the British
version of the game show, the
host kisses a contestant after
correctly answering a question.

"I said that off camera and the
producer and Regis both said I
should say that on camera,
Tigay said, laughing." I said no
several times, but they convinced
me todo it."

As Tigay left the studio, she
got her kiss from Philbin.

"He was very charming," she
said. "I can't say anything bad
about him, he's just wonderful."

Tigay said she'll use her win-

After teaching in Detroit for five years, she stayed at home to raise the couple's three daughters and three sons, whose ages range from 27 to 11.

Tippy returned to her alma mater, Wayne State University, three years ago to take classes in pursuit of her goal to become a physician's assistant.

But her focus now is to break free from her "16 minutes of fame."

"It's going to take a little

fame."
"It's going to take a little
while, but I have to get back to
normal," she said. "I ran into the
vacuum store (Wednesday) and
someone in the store recognized

who I was.

"I don't like it too much because it's not me, but I want to be polite."

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