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Short "Feud" for Lafayette Family

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From left: Girlynda and Ed Gonzales, with their two daughters, Alexis (Lexi) and Isabella (Izzy), and goddaughter Cristine Dominguez Photo provided

"It was harder than we all thought," said Gonzales, acknowledging that they were exhausted by the end of the day.

They were at the studio from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. re-auditioning, participating with the studio audience and finally taping their two episodes against the Shellnutt Family of Alabama, which included State Senator Shay Shellnutt, as well as the Lovett family of Georgia. For each half-hour program, the taping took approximately two hours, with enthusiastic host Steve Harvey.

Ultimately the Lafayette family won \$780, which represents \$5 per point they accumulated for correct answers to surveyed questions - a little shy of the maximum potential win of \$100,000 and a new car.

One question that clearly puzzled Ed Gonzales was, "What do a steak and a kiss have in common?" Being live TV, and encouraged to say something, he blurted out the only thing he could think of: "Family Feud."

The episodes will air on Oct. 12 and 13, at either 6 or 6:30 p.m. - check local listings for the channel.

What is one of America's longest running game shows, featuring two families competing to name the most popular responses to survey questions? One Lafayette family can tell you from personal experience.

Survey says? "Family Feud."

The Gonzales family recently returned from taping two episodes of the game show with nothing but praise, and some prize money. Ed Gonzales said it was an "absolute blast and something we'll remember for the rest of our lives."

It takes some effort to be selected as contestants. The family applied for and received an audition in San Francisco. Apparently they were smart and perky enough, because a postcard arrived later that announced they had made the cut. Next, the production company flew all five members of the family that were competing to Atlanta, Georgia, put them up at the Omni Hotel for three days, and drove them back and forth to the production studio.

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