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**MARVIN BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL WINS
3rd ANNUAL TEXAS QUIZ SHOW**

AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 3, 2008 — Corpus Christi's Marvin Baker Middle School topped the competition at the **Texas Quiz Show** history tournament at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Corpus Christi ISD's Baker team of John Rafael, Adrienne Nickleson, Kaitlyn Upton, Will Stern, and Zoe Alaniz bested Houston ISD's Pin Oak Middle School in the seventh and final match of the day. The Baker team was coached by history teacher Cissy Smith.

A total of eight schools from across the state competed in half-hour matches; the other schools fielding teams were Anderson-Shiro Junior High (Anderson-Shiro CISD), Clint Small Middle School (Austin ISD), Fossil Hill Middle School (Keller ISD), Hopewell Middle School (Round Rock ISD), Trinity Springs Middle School (Keller ISD), and Will W. Jackson Middle School (North East ISD).

The Texas Quiz Show State Tournament is co-sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and held in conjunction with Texas History Day, a yearlong education program that culminates in an annual state-level history fair for students in grades six through twelve sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association.

Texas Quiz Show host and founder Bill Crawford deemed the event a great success. "The teams not only know Texas history, but they were all wonderful sports. Even the losing teams were winners. We hope to build on the great energy from this year's event and encourage others to study this state's fascinating history."

Sponsor Ray Frankum of Pin Oak Middle School in Bellaire, said, "That final round was a real nail-biter, and more stress than I've had in a long time, but I wouldn't trade the experience for the world. When students are trying to one-up each other with their mastery of a subject, playing "Stump the Teacher", and in general are getting jazzed about learning, that's the mark of a successful program."

The Texas Quiz Show tournament was videotaped by Public Access Community Television (PACT), an Austin ISD video production unit, and will be aired on Time Warner Cable with possible distribution to other markets. DVDs of the event will also be available from the Texas Quiz Show website, www.TexasQuizShow.com.

Sponsors of the Texas Quiz Show include the Texas General Land Office Save Texas History Program, the *Texas Almanac*, the Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation of Dallas, and the Texas State Historical Association. This program is made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, please visit the Texas Quiz Show website www.TexasQuizShow.com.

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