

SNOWBOX DERBY

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House" had in store for the annual event which takes place this Saturday, January 30.

House has already created such things as football helmets, a spaceship, and an airplane. This year he decided it was time to really get creative and produce one of the most famous characters of television.

"I always try to do something that people can relate to," explains



"Mr. House," Tiffany House, Corey Synagogue, Larry Cummings, Arnold Parker, Brianna Williams show-off awards won over the years.

House, "and something original. Every time you turn on the TV you see him, everybody knows about the rabbit."

House says his brainstorm has attracted the attention of the Energizer company. Obviously impressed with House's idea, the company has requested to see a video of the race, and may even be willing to submit a donation to the YMCA's youth program.

The three entrant categories include Youth (up to 15 yrs.), Adult (16 yrs. & up) and Corporate/Club (Any Snowbox displaying a corporate logo, name or design).

Ever since young B.J. Turner asked him to build a snowbox, for the first-ever Snowbox Derby in 1990, House has entered his

snowbox in the youth category each year following. House's 11-year-old daughter Tiffany usually is one of the "pilots" in the snowbox, "and then she picks a friend from school," explains House.

The method in which the winners are determined comes after each entrant individually glides down the course so that judges can give points for speed and creativity. There are first place prizes for both speed and creativity, as well as second and third. There are also awards given to those entrants that collect the most money to be donated to the YMCA.

"Mr. House" and Co. have placed five times in the last three years, in all three categories at least once.

POET'S CORNER

Is There Shame In The Same?

By Katherine Powell

My eyes are not blue.
 My skin is not cream.
 My hair is not straight.
 I am not what you dream.
 I am your mother, who sons I bore.
 Ordained as Kings, in Nations before.
 I am your sister, bold and loud.
 I stand by my brothers, tall and proud.
 I am the Black woman, my strength you receive.
 I mold you and guide you, to the man you must be.
 Our bodies have toiled for hundreds of years,
 through apathy and hatred in this Nation of fear.
 When I look at you, I see beauty in you.
 When you look at me, my eyes are not blue.
 The forbidden Fruit is now the fruit on all trees.
 Ripe for the picking, for the brothers in need.
 The darker the berry, the sweeter the juice.
 Though sweeter and darker are not quite your fruit.
 Dark, dusky, ebony and jet,
 Some prefer the sunrise to the sunset.
 I ask this of you, by the choices you claim,
 though opposites attract,
 Is there shame in the same?

"Brotherhood"

By Bimkubwa B. Khalfani

So Brotherman,
 Tell me what are you gonna do, now that black
 is "in?"
 Now that society "accepts" you,
 Tell me Brotherman,
 What are you gonna do?
 Are you gonna sit by their side and laugh with them
 As more of us blindly entertain?
 While their pockets grow far,
 Will you pat them on the back
 Because of their new found fascination with our
 "Black Thang?"
 Will you warmly embrace them
 When they say "we're all brothers,"
 and anxiously take us as their lovers?
 Tell me Brotherman,
 Can you really be proud,
 That now all of a sudden they see things
 "in color?"
 So Brotherman,
 You think they accept you,
 And they're truly "down" with the things you do.
 But tell me Brotherman,
 What are you gonna do
 When tomorrow they decide they're through?
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