

BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA TO APPEAR IN L.V. FEB. 17

THE ORIGINAL BLIND BOYS ARE COMING—THE BLIND BOYS ARE COMING!!!

The soul-stirring Original Blind Boys of Alabama, formerly known as the Happyland Singers, who have been favorites in the top rank of religious singing groups, will be making their stellar appearance in Las Vegas on Feb. 17 at the Zion Methodist church.

Whenever Nature destroys something in mankind it also creates something new. The Blind Boys have all lost sight in the physical sense, but they have been given in return the ability to see and understand the most noble works and ways of God, and to give voice to these glories in deeply moving song. Though they cannot see, their music contains an inner sight that lights the way of those who seek a better understanding of God. Adversity has endowed them with the humility, patience, and faith of Job; has given them a greater perception of the meaning of the Scriptures; and, voices eloquent with the fire of true belief.

Whether the Blind Boys are singing a reverent, traditional spiritual or an exultant, powerful Gospel song, they give it a newer and more profound religious significance.

Never have you heard such sincere, such spirit lifting, such heartrending Gospel singing; music that reaches into

African leader rejects prison release offer

SOWETO, South Africa — Nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, in a message read by his daughter to jubilant supporters, said Sunday he will remain in prison rather than renounce violent opposition to white rule in exchange for freedom.

Mandela, who has dominated South African black politics from a prison cell for 22 years, rejected a Jan. 31 offer of release by president Pieter W. Botha.

your very soul brings you face to face with God as these Blind Boys have experienced his mercy, his love. You become one with these wonderful Gospel performers who are cut off from the light of this world, but who see by the Light of Heaven.

The attention of the public was first fixed on the Blind Boys in 1939 while they were still attending school, and were members of the



chorus at the Talledega (Alabama) Institute for the Deaf and Blind. They were already in great local demand and spent each Sunday bringing joy to congregants at churches in and around Talledega. Before long they were taking extended tours covering great portions of the Southland, and demands for personal appearances were beginning to pour in from

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Glaucoma, an eye disease that can lead to blindness, affects approximately 2 percent of the population of southern Nevada according to public health officials.

Symptoms of the disease include frequent changes in glasses, all of which are unsatisfactory; inability to adjust to darkened rooms, loss of side vision, blurred or foggy vision and rainbow-colored rings around lights. But it is possible to have glaucoma without any of these symptoms.

Persons with a family history of glaucoma should be checked regularly. The chance of developing this disease increases with age.

To combat glaucoma, the Clark County Health

all over America. As Christ spoke to the Fisherman of long ago saying, "Drop your nets and follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," so were the Blind Boys compelled to their destiny of spreading the word of God through song.

But who are the Blind Boys? They will be appearing in Las Vegas on Feb. 17 at 3 p.m., at Zion Methodist Church, 2108 Revere St., along with

the Combach Choir, Gospel Meadettes, Zion's Chancel Choir and the Gospel Tornadoes.

The benefits will go toward the Community Baptist Church building fund drive, presently located at 245 Foster Ave. in Henderson, Nevada.

It's free to the public. For additional information call 646-1907 or 648-8180.

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