OMMENTARY!!

Blinded By Sight: The Affect



⊥ school swim season and I things is our eyesight. must say it is a whirlwind to sic on our drives.

This time, though, it was something I was ac- what life would be like withtually interested in and the out your eyesight? I know I most compelling part about do. When I think of what it this podcast was that a blind would be like to not have any man was coaching collegiate of my five senses or what life swimming while I'm nervous would be like I feel as though as all heck worrying about I would be deprived of opporhow to cut time and make it tunities. to state.. (It was like she was reading my mind.) Distracting includes learning how to my brain from my own self- drive, swimming five days doubt, I had an inkling that I a week and going to combecause it was so interesting. to school and confirmation

Dominique Lopez made me realize that there are -Section Editor many things us, as humans, especially teens take for 've recently started my high granted. One of those many

This blind collegiate be in. Especially when my swim coach, Tharon Drake, mom thinks that listening to uses his hearing and other the news is more fun than mu-senses to coach 28 swimmers. He said that every swimmer This time though it has their own sounds based off was different... she convinced style and technique. The abilme that I needed driving hours ity to determine each swimand that I should drive. In ut- mer through sound allows ter dismay I drive with the him to grow as a coach doing realization that she will play something he never thought something I don't want to lis- he would be able to do. He is ten to because I must say hav- given a greater advantage to ing access to the AUX cord is coaching because he is able what makes car rides so much to recognize mistakes without eyesight (Del Charco).

Do you ever wonder

My current lifestyle should write about this later petitions, as well as going

This NPR podcast classes and allowing myself realization of there being oth- portance of the object or perto grow as an honors student er people who don't have the son. who almost never gets sleep.

I realize that there are alternatives to these events if I didn't have my eyesight but without these parts of my life I still wouldn't know how to enjoy what I have without feeling a sense of being de-

Even though this is just how I feel I still find it hard to imagine a type of lifestyle without being able to see the world that I currently live in. I use my eyesight in my everyday life, all the time, from being able to see the flags or the black line on the bottom of the pool that all swimmers dread, to execute the right turn, to see my homework to complete it, or even just being here to share these stories with you today.

I do realize that if I didn't have my eyesight I probably wouldn't have discovered what I have discovered now, but I am one in a million people in this world who is just overlook the blessing of eyesight.

We as humans find ourselves taking so many things for granted without the luxuries we have.

competed in the Paralympics eyesight. with a successful career and in his everyday life.

for granted allows us to find eyesight, even temporarily, that these people in our lives it will change everything we who don't have eyesight may think and our decisions will or may not have an advantage be looked into deeper than to not seeing the world we just by what we see. live in.

how much different would the more welcoming and happier world be without eyesight? without the stress of hurting Our decisions are all based someone else. It's not just off of what we see and with- one or two actions we choose; out this simple thing that we it comes from everything we take for granted we would be choose and everything we say. a plain world.

our decisions deprive us of sight, real or metaphorical, seeing past what or who they we might just become a better really are and into the import- more tolerant world not just ant features: purpose and per- based off of what we see besonalities. Looking for beau- cause we are looking deeper. ty and a solidified happiness So next time you see somein how it would look in our thing or someone, don't take house or how our life would it for granted and realize that look with that object or per- there's more to it than what's son, we avoid the obvious im- on the outside.

Basing everything This swim coach is one off of what we see is where of the many examples of peo- we find it hard to realize the ple pushing past their disabili- difference of our world if we ties to find a new lifestyle. He were to suddenly to lose our

Our world would be continues to keep swimming blank and we wouldn't base everything off of what we Taking our eyesight see. Maybe if we lose our

> Maybe we wouldn't If you think about it be able to see but we might be

> Through simple ac-From colors to style, tions and the loss of our eye-

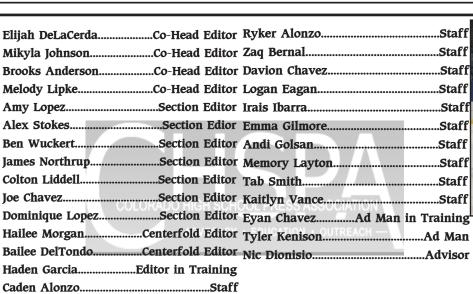


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