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” I never learned which party was victorious, nor the cause of the war, But I

felt for the rest of that day, as if I had had my feelings excited and harrowed

by witnessing the struggle…” (Henry David Thoreau)

These days our whole life seems to revolve around violence. There are so

many channels on TV that advocate violence on a daily basis. Sports that we see

every Sunday stir up aggressiveness and bring anger to a high level. Around

school conflicts seem to occur frequently. We get excited whenever we come

across these situations and sometimes don’t know what caused the ordeal in the

first place but nevertheless it grabs us and we become involved, mentally and/or

physically.

The television set is a virtual fire hose of violence being forced into our

minds. Whenever there is a boxing match that is a bigger fight than usual, Pay-

Per-View is always there charging anywhere from thirty to sixty dollars so we

can all sit back, relax, and watch two men(or women) dance around a ring and

beat the brains out of each other. God I love America! Even on basic cable we

have these wonderful children’s programs like The Mighty Morphine Power Rangers,

cartoons (eventhogh I love them), and the V.R. Troopers, to name a couple.

Surprise! they are either based on fighting or getting smashed by trucks and we

laugh and we love it. It’s hard to beat watching someone else beat up on after

you just had a bad day.

Football and hockey, can’t beat them but no one really cares about the

principle of the game we all just want to see the big hits. When watching

football highlights the things they love to show the most are the career ending

tackles usually before they even show the scores, hey who cares about the score

after you just saw some guy get annihilated by a 250 pound linebacker, we just

get excited about the hit. Hockey, The sport in which you can get a nice five

minute break for kicking the not out of someone during. You have got to love it

when the crowd is louder over the thirty second fight than they are during the

rest of the game.

For those who think violence is only restricted to TV Land, well there is

violence in our high school as well(shocker, huh?). Well every once in a while

we get to witness a lovely fist-fight between two or more students, and the

occasional unwilling faculty member. Those brawls aren’t blown-off by the

students either. Nah, we love to see a good fight and talk about it after the

day is over.

It’s sad to say but violence is one of our national staples. Whether you

are a hill-billy from the Ozarks or a millionaire counting you’re thousand

dollar bills in you’re penthouse in downtown Manhattan you have experienced

violence in one shape or form. After everything’s all said and done sometimes

you forget what the fight was about. Whether it’s human nature or something

instilled over time, violence is a part of our lives and we just have to deal

with it.