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In article <12m0mstdjc9ptd2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, HeyBub <heybubNOSPAM@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Pete Dashwood wrote:

Thanks for that, DOC.

You can see why we don't want the Police to have guns... :-)

We often suggest the cops have more training. There was a case in NY a couple of years ago where four detectives shot at a goblin 42 times, from 15 feet, and only scored 19 hits.

In general, however, we Texans encourage most people – not just the constabulary – to carry guns. "An armed society is a polite society" as the saying goes.

That saying, of course, accounts for the **exquisite** politesse of the Japanese... ummmm, the Chinese... ummmmm, the Swedes... oh well, it accounts for the well-known politesse of Dodge City... ummmmm, Tombstone... ummmmm... hey, a lot of those 'sayings' are just old wives' tales, anyhow.

(Before anyone trots out that fine, old chestnut about how the murder rate in Dodge City during the height of the Wild West Daze was half that in Washington, DC in the 1990s... remember, the assertion was about being **polite**, not about committing murder; the phenomenon of politesse is, I would say, an intricate social phenomenon having to do more with the aspiring towards a reified ideal than a fear of unlawful death... as the saying goes, 'Cowards die a thousand deaths, the valiant taste of death but once'.)

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