NAVY SEALS BEAT OSAMA BIN LADEN … AND THEN MICKEY

And here I thought the 83 year old Mouse was tougher than the graying terrorist watching home videos with all the kids. But it turns out that the Navy SEALs bested Mickey Mouse just as handily as they killed Osama bin Laden. (h/t JL)

> Walt Disney Co. said Wednesday that it will withdraw its applications to trademark the term "SEAL Team 6" for use on toys, games, and other consumer products.
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> The Navy filed its own applications for the terms "SEAL Team" and "Navy SEALs" 10 days later, explaining in the filings that the phrases denote "membership in an organization of the Department of the Navy that develops and executes military missions involving special operations strategy, doctrine, and tactics."
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> "We are fully committed to protecting our trademark rights," said Commander Danny Hernandez, the chief Navy spokesman.
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> A Disney spokesman said the company was withdrawing the applications "out of deference to the Navy."

So if you want to go through a fantasy ride about nabbing Osama bin Laden, you're just going to have to act it out yourself, with water pistols in your backyard. And if you want to indoctrinate your children into violence from a young age, you'll just have to stick with the weekend cartoons.

Look on the bright side, though! There are at least some things taxpayers have paid for that

the government will insist on keeping!