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[Swine flu](#) [3] is still a [deadly](#) [4] disease, although as a [pandemic](#) [5] it's not as virulent as the avian flu. Still, people are trying to [sanitize their personal universes](#) [6] in response ...

[Hantavirus](#) [7], which is harder to acquire, isn't getting easier to survive.

The [virtual fence](#) [8] along the [border](#) [9] isn't going away anytime soon, regardless of its inimical impact on towns, commerce, and the environment -- [just like FEMA](#) [10]. How come the [teabaggers](#) [11] aren't protesting this wasteful government enterprise, or the [\\$7 billion dollar genuine fence, with its building and maintenance costs](#) [12], the DHS hasn't scrapped already despite the proof that it won't work and the myriad groups [protesting its construction](#) [13], from California to the Gulf Coast? Oh, I forgot -- this [boondoggle](#) [14] helps keep out brown people.... which means, of course, that it's one of those few things the government gets right, according to the Loud Obbs crowd. Unlike [clean water](#) [15] and [good schools](#) [16], which like mines and [well-drilling](#) [17] for gas and [oil](#) [18], all ought to be as profit-driven as healthcare. [Once they hear about Bill Richardson's effort to improve economic conditions for Native American tribes, they'll be wanting the fence to enclose his state, too](#) [19]. Not that my neighbors to the west would be interested, but [sometimes I wish I could](#) [14] [swap governors](#) [20] with 'em, not to mention [Senators](#) [21].

[Jobs are dropping](#) [22] like flies across the Southwest, too, not just in [Texas](#) [23] and New Mexico. Take a hard look at [what's happening](#) [24] in [California](#) [25], Nevada, and Arizona.

What's wanted isn't more Democrats -- it's better ones. One Bingaman is worth a half-dozen Baucuses, and it's starting to look like the Junior Senator from New Mexico is no slouch of a voice for common sense. Meanwhile, here in Texas, we're stuck with John Boxturtle and Kay Bailey Hutchison.



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