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The battle over the governor's election has cost state Republican and Democratic parties more than \$4 million.

Blossoming Seattle school facing closure

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Jolene Jang, who made her dress from roughly 300 balloons, walked around downtown Seattle for the 35th anniversary of Earth Day. She said that "all of the balloons are biodegradable."

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Bush, canceling Earth Day visit to the Smokies, pushes for 'clear skies' legislation

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