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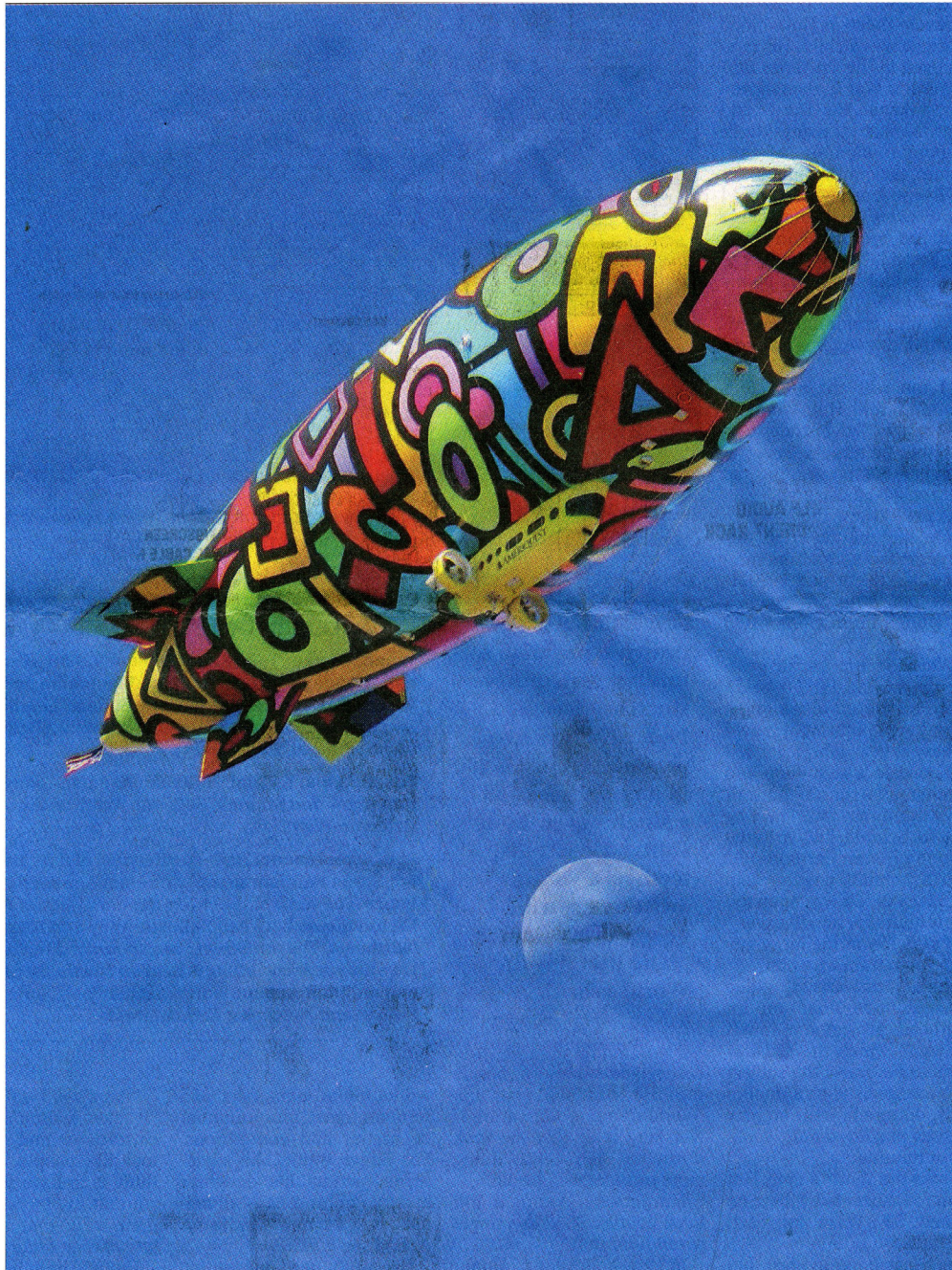
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Airship has designs on helping kids



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The Ameriquest Soaring Dreams Airship, now visiting Seattle, floats past the moon yesterday. For the past year, thousands of children in after-school programs and pediatric facilities nationwide teamed up with Portraits of Hope, a civic and arts program, and Ameriquest Mortgage. The children painted sections of canvas to help create the world's largest airborne public-art display. The 40,000-square-foot mural that envelops the airship is meant to encourage kids to think big and pursue their dreams. The airship is 206 feet long, according to Ameriquest's Web site. It includes restrooms and seats a pilot, co-pilot and eight passengers.