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The 200-foot-long Soaring Dreams Airship sits docked at the airport in McKinleyville on Wednesday while avoiding wind. It is a collaboration between Portraits of Hope, which works with children around the world creating inspirational, one-of-a-kind public art projects and Orange County based Ameriquet Mortgage Co. Thousands of children in after-school programs, youth organizations and pediatric care facilities hand painted the colorful decals now on the helium-filled shell of the world's largest commercial blimp. It is on a nationwide tour as the "airborne ambassador of the hopes and dreams of children everywhere" with a Seattle stop next. For more information, log onto soaringdreams.org.