

# Soaring Dreams



SanFranciscoSentinel.com Photo by LUKE THOMAS

**By Luke Thomas**

**Saturday, June 25, 2005**

Hand-painted and signed by thousands of children across the USA, the Ameriquet Soaring Dreams Airship took to the skies over the Bay Area on Friday with District 4 Supervisor Fiona Ma at the yoke.

"Ameriquet Mortgage Company and Portraits of Hope have teamed together to encourage kids to dream big, to think big, and to achieve big", stated Ma as she boarded the dazzling dirigible.

The Ameriquet Soaring Dreams Airship Project is a historic journey of hope, optimism and sensational accomplishment, an exploration of discovery, expression and imagination. This project is a one-of-a-kind collaboration among children, after-school programs and communities.

"I am proud to be skyward today in this wonderful symbol of hope. We are representing kids from all over America and those in my district at the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center and A.P. Giannini Middle School, who participated in the hand-painting."



"Soaring Dreams", *SF Sentinel*, 27 June, 2005 (*continued*)

For nearly one year, thousands of children in California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico worked on creating the most remarkable blimp in all the world. This is the largest passenger blimp in the country.

This year the airship will travel to special events and sports championships across the country spreading the message of hope and soaring dreams.



Copyright © 2005, Luke Thomas