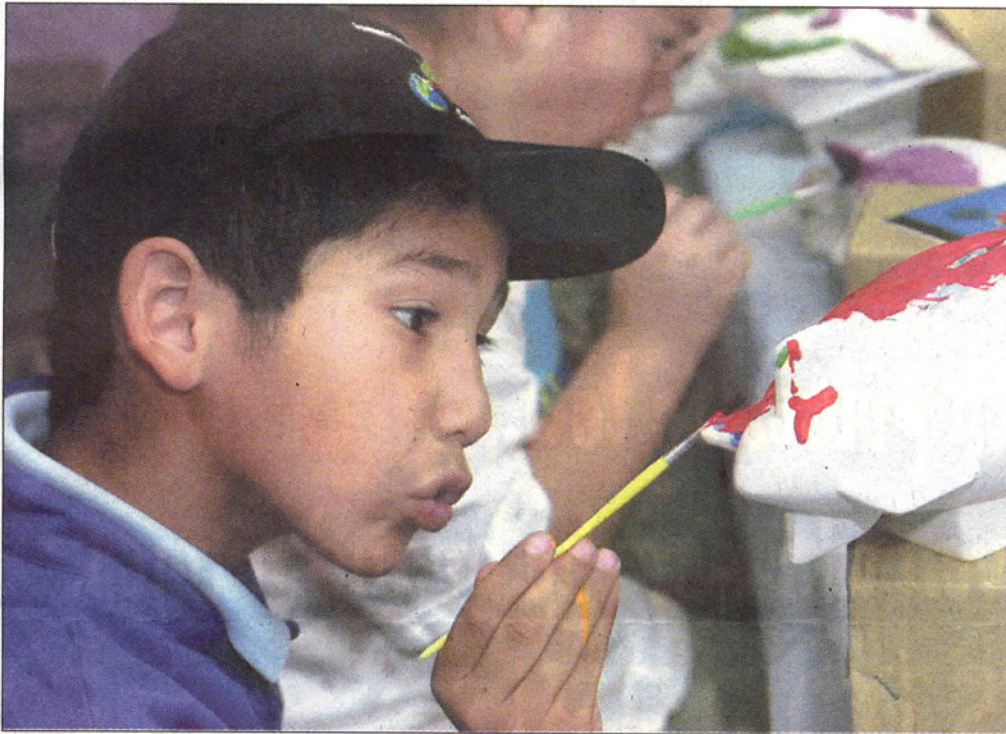


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Dressing up a blimp



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ABOVE: Josue Cervantes, 7, paints a blimp model while on a break from creating the large panel for the blimp.



ABOVE AND RIGHT: About 35 students at Ocotillo Elementary School, 5702 S. Campbell Ave., work yesterday on a project that will eventually send their art soaring. The kids painted a panel that will be put on one of the nation's largest passenger blimps. The blimp will come to Tucson for baseball spring training next year. Portraits of Hope, a national creative therapy program, sponsored the event.