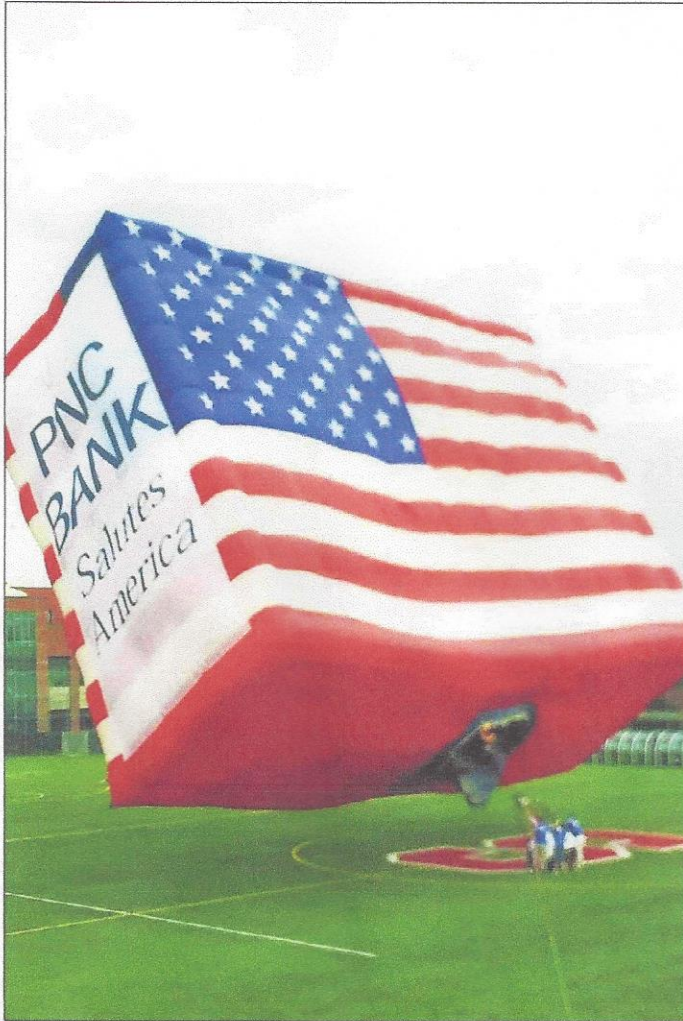


Flying the biggest flag



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THE PNC American Flag special shaped hot air balloon, the world's largest free-flying American flag, was inflated to celebrate Flag Day and the 240th anniversary of the adoption of the stars and stripes as the United States' national flag yesterday at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. The 53-foot-tall, 78-foot-wide, 29-foot-deep red, white and blue special shaped hot air balloon was created following 9/11 and has flown in the New York area every year since courtesy of the QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning in Association with PNC Bank.

