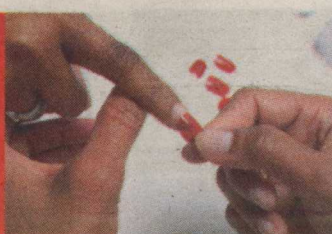


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Patriot Flag

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Chesterfield Fire and EMS employees fold the Patriot Flag after it flew at the Fire and EMS Memorial Wall at the Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center last Friday. The giant flag weighs 75 pounds and is 30 feet by 55 feet in size. It's touring the country before flying in Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. and New York City for the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11. For more information, visit www.veteranaid.org.

County's population becomes more colorful

New census data shows
triple-digit increases in minorities

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It's no secret that Chesterfield County has had a population boom since 1990. It also had a racial boom, particularly among Latinos, who have increased in numbers by 915 percent over the last 20 years.

"Chesterfield as a whole is becoming more diverse than it has ever been," says Zach Mayo, the

county's demographer.

The county's overall population grew by 51 percent over the last two decades, from 209,274 residents in 1990 to 316,236 residents in 2010, according to U.S. Census data. The number of Hispanics has increased from about 1,000 to 10,000 in that time. Black residents grew by 156 percent over the same time period,

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Different faiths unite for "trialogues"

