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**INDIA POST**

**SURVEY**

[survey@indiapost.com](mailto:survey@indiapost.com)

**This week's question**

Do you think army will relinquish power in Myanmar?

**Last week's result**

Do you think US will take military action against Myanmar?

**YES 53% NO 43%**

## UN OFFERS HELP

*Guterres says UN stands ready to contribute to ongoing rescue and assistance efforts in Uttarakhand*



Earlier in the day, a glacier broke off in Joshimath in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district which caused a massive flood in the Dhaul Ganga river on February 7. (inset) NDRF, SDRF, ITBP and Army personnel during search and rescue operation while clearing the debris of a tunnel

**UNITED NATIONS:** The United Nations stands ready to contribute to the ongoing rescue and assistance efforts in Uttarakhand if necessary, Secretary General Antonio Guterres has said as the top leadership of the global organization expressed sadness over the loss of life and damage from the glacier burst and flooding in the Indian state.

A portion of the Nanda Devi glacier broke off in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district, triggering an ava-

lanche and a deluge in the Alaknanda river system that washed away hydroelectric stations, leaving at least seven people dead and 125 missing who are feared dead.

The sudden flood in the middle of the day in the Dhaul Ganga, Rishi Ganga and Alaknanda rivers -- all intricately linked tributaries of the Ganga -- triggered widespread panic and large-scale devastation in the high mountain areas.

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**Biden: China should expect competition**

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### CORRIGENDUM

In our previous issue concerning news of Hindi Club of Chicago we wrongly ascribed it to VIJAY ARORA.

It should be read as **VIJAY CHOPRA**

The Error is Regretted  
Resident Editor  
India Post-Chicago

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# Vibrant Living for Every Generation in Granite Bay



Only 28 residences tucked into this luxurious new community, Carnelian at Granite Bay has the amenities, lifestyle, and attractive pricing to live vibrantly

**B**lue Mountain Communities proudly embarks on offering new homes in Granite Bay, city renown for 10/10 ranked schools and its sophisticated, natural setting. Carnelian, a new gated-neighborhood of only 28 residences, is perfect for families of all size. These attractive new home designs combine modern living with a carefree, California lifestyle to create a place that residents can call home forever.

"For years, the only option to own a

new home in Granite Bay has been custom," commented Joe Klusnick, Marketing Director for Blue Mountain Communities. "We are excited to offer a new home alternative with floorplans specifically designed for how we live today with plenty of space - even in a large family."

Priced from the low \$600,000s, the homes at Carnelian have a notable amount of space. The open concept living areas provide opportunities to

adapt each room for its true purpose. Ranging from 2,289 to 2,657 square feet, the three to four-bedroom homes offer flexible and spacious layouts with the option of a downstairs bedroom suites with a private bath or den/office space. Moreover, the secondary bedrooms are 30% larger than industry standards. This makes a Carnelian home ideal for multi-generational living or for the work-from-home professional who needs their own space.

Blue Mountain Communities knows that you need a house that works for you. Our top-of-the-line finishes, appliances, flooring, and more are easier to maintain than other homes, so you don't have to spend your weekends doing handyman work. We're also happy to fully personalize your new home with gourmet kitchens, modern technology, and much more. Our team will make sure that you get the ideal home for your family's unique needs.

Living in Granite Bay means living well in every way. The community is only a short drive away from Roseville, Folsom, and El Dorado Hills - which means you are only minutes away from incredible shopping, dining, and entertainment. Residents can soak in culture at a local art gallery, relax at a day spa, or chase some adrenaline on a zip line course, all while making it home for dinner.

Of course, Granite Bay isn't just fun and games. This community also boasts some incredibly high-ranking schools (two of which are minutes away). Residents with young children will appreciate living in a convenient neighborhood - and with only 28 homes in this gated community, Carnelian is one of the most intimate communities in the area.

Behind the gates, Carnelian features a community park (with plenty of shade), BBQ space, community fire pit, and community garden, so neighbors can truly connect and build a bond with one another.

To learn more about the beautiful Carnelian at Granite Bay neighborhood, visit or contact Blue Mountain Communities to schedule a tour. Located at the corner of Auburn Folsom Road and Eureka Road; open daily (under COVID protocols) 10:00am to 5:00pm; by appointment on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; call 916.597.7684 or visit [www.bluemountaincommunities.com](http://www.bluemountaincommunities.com).

## Myths vs. Facts: You're ready to buy or sell a home now. Should you wait?

REALTOR.COM

**W**ith all the uncertainty of the past year, many potential home buyers and sellers are thinking of putting off their real estate goals, though a good majority are still moving ahead. As the state begins to move in the right direction (but with Stay Home Orders still in place), here's the state of play in California real estate.

### BUYER MYTHS & FACTS

**Buyer Myth #1:** I want to start home shopping in the spring, so I

should wait to get pre-approved for a mortgage.

**Fact:** If you're looking to get into a home in the spring, start the pre-approval process now. Lenders are currently taking up to 45-days to close a loan.

Why is it taking so long? Low interest rates are causing a rush. In December 2020 the Federal Reserve confirmed what many suspected: no rise in interest rates just yet. However, some economists forecast that rates will break the 3% range in 2021, making now a great

time to lock in a low mortgage interest rate. The bad news is that the sharp increase in demand is overloading mortgage lenders. Refinancing applications also skyrocketed in Q4 2019 when rates started falling. Such an influx of applications is creating long lines for homebuyers eager to get the ball rolling.

**Buyer Myth #2:** Demand for homes is tapering off as we enter the winter months and head into spring, so I should wait.

**Fact:** Demand has been relatively un-

affected in the CA market and is expected to remain competitive even after the Stay Home Order is lifted.

Demand has been relatively steady/consistent in the CA market for months and is expected to remain competitive. December 2020 was a busy month from a buyer demand standpoint- home sales rose 28% from the same time in 2019, marking the largest year-over-year growth since 2009.

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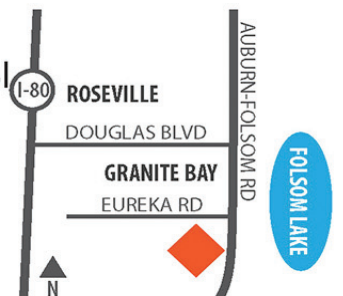
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