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Ukrainian mother, grandmother, safe in Orinda, worries about family at home

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"I approve of him," she said, "because he stays in the capital and he talks to the people a lot. He raises their spirits. He was a comedian, but now he is a great president."

Since Feb. 24, over 3.5 million people have fled the war in Ukraine. About two million of those are in Poland. "Poland gives them a place to live, food, some money, and classes in Polish," which, Victoria explains is about 50% the same as Ukrainian. Ukrainian was always spoken in some areas of Ukraine, but Russian was more common in the south and east of the country. However, the national language is even more commonly used since the Orange Revolution. In school, everyone learned Russian, she

says, but that all changed in 2014. Ukraine wants to be a democracy, Victoria says.

Kirill works for Grammarly, a company founded in Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. The company employs about 700 people, and, before the war, about 300 of them were in Ukraine. At work, Kirill is doing what he can to help those in Ukraine, and the company is endeavoring to support both those in Ukraine and also refugees. Kirill is in daily contact with his colleagues in Ukraine. As Corporate Controller, he is working on financial issues, housing, visas, and any problems he can address.

"Everyone has their own individual circumstances," he explained. "I am grateful to have my mother with me," he says, "but it is so hard to hear what people are going

through, particularly in areas under attack. My wife's sister and her family were able to evacuate to Poland. However, her other family members (uncle, aunt and cousins) remain in Ukraine and live in fear," he said, adding, "Kids are being killed, women raped and killed, and they are civilians."

Grammarly is donating \$5 million to provide relief for Ukraine. Although Kirill advises anyone who wishes to help to follow their heart in choosing how to donate, for those who would like to help, Grammarly has a page on its website with links to some of the agencies working on Ukraine relief now. You can find information about the company's efforts at www.grammarly.com/stand-with-ukraine

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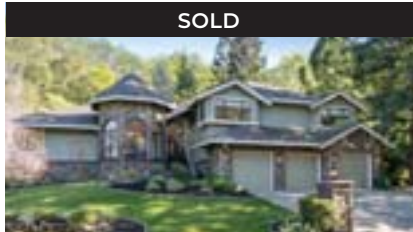
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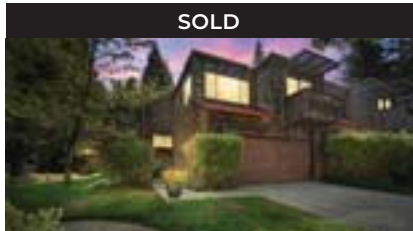
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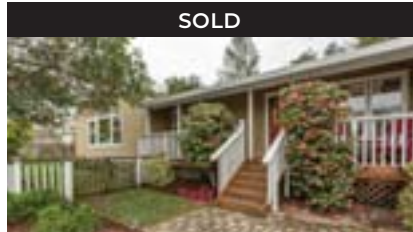
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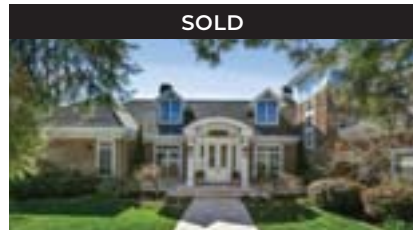
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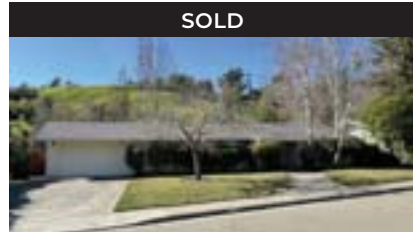
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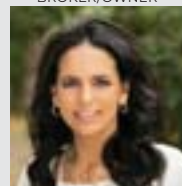
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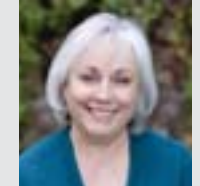
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