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# ON THE HOMEFRONT

News and notes from the real-estate market. By Ilene Denton

## SURPRISE—IT'S MODERN

NEW MODERNIST HOMES are popping up in the popular West of Trail area, better known for traditional bungalows, stucco ranches and newer Med Rev residences. Guy Peterson's Spencer House on South Orange Avenue has the highest profile, but a block north, Chris Leader of Leader Design Studio is completing a modern residence for a former Lido Shores couple, and Mark Sultana of DSDG has built a handful (including one for his own family).

Lisa Gialdini's new-home project at 1924 Bougainvillea is the latest. She's hired Jody Beck and Ross-Alan Tisdale of Tampa's Traction Architecture (their Seagrape House was featured in our December issue) to design a 3,300-square-foot home with high-end finishes, pool and separate 500-square-foot guesthouse. Slated for completion in March, it will be offered for sale at around \$1.3 million.

Gialdini is a tax attorney who lived and worked in Russia for 20 years, and she named her company Red Bridge Investments for Russia's Krasny Most, or Red Bridge. In Russia, "I was used to living in small spaces where I had to use every available square inch



A rendering of the new home on Bougainvillea.

I could," she says, "and I wanted to make sure the Bougainvillea house is as user-friendly as possible."

She's purchased three other West of Trail properties for future redevelopment. Two are on Goldenrod, and the other is on Shoreland. All will have clean lines, she promises. "I don't go in for a lot of frou-frou," she says.

## TOP SALE



A four-bedroom home on nearly 100 feet of Longboat Key beach sold for \$3.35 million, making it the highest-priced residential sale in Sarasota County in November. The 3,955-square-foot home at 3315 Gulf of Mexico Drive, built in 1991, has that rare amenity: a grassy lawn leading to the beach. Ian Addy was the listing agent, and Ryan Heers was the selling agent; both are with Michael Saunders & Company. Previous sale: \$1.1 million in 1997.

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