

LADY TRIEU: FACT OR FICTION

The Star-Sentinel's society scribbler tries to get the scoop on a certain cryptic clockmaker



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Just who *is* this Lady Trieu who has decided to build “a new wonder of the world” out yonder on the tapped-out tundra of the old Underground Reservation?

If only we could tell you, dear reader! The elusive and reclusive mystery woman declined our every interview request. (We won't take it personally: the tight-lipped monolith-maker has *never* given an interview to *anyone*.) “Lady Trieu prefers to let her actions speak for themselves,” a chipper Trieu Industries apparatchik told us over the phone. Those recent undertakings include breaking ground on a “Millennium Clock”

(see story on *A1*) and sending newly legalized HDTVs to every residence in the tri-county area “as an apology for any inconvenience our construction efforts may cause, as well as the occasional atmospheric disruption.”

A generous gesture, for sure, but we can't be bought! The curious minds of Oklahoma have questions about the most gossiped-about gal on the prairie and they *must* be answered! Alas, for all our badgering, we couldn't convince Lady Trieu to take a break from her electromagnetic



erector set to sit and dish. But we did get some feisty feedback from her plucky PR rep...

ITEM! Lady Trieu's mother was a loony parenting guru!

While the Trieu spokeswoman takes exception to “loony,” this is a **FACT**. Bian My, Lady Trieu's materfamilias, wrote a memoir about raising a genius entitled (rough English translation) *Pachyderm Mom*. A bestseller in Vietnam and in the commonwealths of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand,

and Burma, the book details Bian's ambition to mold her daughter into “the world's smartest woman, brighter than a sky full of stars, a redemptive blessing to the world planet.” (No pressure, kid!) Her inspirations? “The liberators and architects of Pax America! Nixon. Manhattan. The Comedian. Adrian Veidt. I thought it was a time to add a female face to that proverbial Rushmore.” Bian's methods for growing a super-person; Isolation. Tough-love. “Enhanced transcendental meditation”

