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"We'd have called it anything for that," said one member of Trinity's board of trustees. The donation helped make possible the renovation of the theater for the repertory company.

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Mrs. Lederer married her husband at the age of 16 in her native Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Izri Lederer — I always called him Sweetie — saw me on the street when I was 15," Mrs. Lederer recalled in an interview two

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