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TRUMP TAKES STAGE IN MILWAUKEE

 Former President Donald Trump takes the stage at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee on Thursday night to accept the GOP nomination for president of the United States. Trump was making his first public speech since surviving Saturday's assassination attempt in Butler, Pa. His speech wrapped up the four-day convention, but it extended past press time. **ONLINE:** Get complete coverage of former President Donald Trump's speech from Thursday night. Point your cellphone camera at the QR code and click the link. Digital access is included in your subscription. [NEWSVU](#)

Youngkin in national spotlight

'Heartfelt comments' make impression at GOP convention

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It was the kind of prime-time slot for a speech that can shoot a politician into superstar territory. And while Virginia delegates to the Republican convention in Milwaukee think Gov. Glenn Youngkin's keynote address Monday did that, political scientists aren't so sure.

It was a message stressing traditional GOP policies — policies some pundits say are taking second place to the populist and nationalist themes former President Donald Trump emphasizes — and one where Youngkin said he was an outsider businessman



On Tuesday, Gov. Glenn Youngkin talks with a South Carolina delegate at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.

rather like Trump.

Youngkin, who worked in private equity before his election as governor in 2021, spent much of his first two years in office responding to questions about

running for the White House. He has seen his name floated as a vice presidential possibility since Trump locked up the GOP nomination.

Darien McDaniel II, a delegate

from Virginia Beach, drew parallels to the speeches given by Illinois state Sen. Barack Obama at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., at the 2012 GOP national convention in Tampa "that made them national figures."

"People keep coming over saying: 'Where is Gov. Youngkin, can I meet him?'" McDaniel said.

"He's the only governor of

Virginia with an MBA and when

he talks about finance, he knows what he's talking about ... that matters. The economy is the issue," he said.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Limits on military benefits repealed

Lawmakers put off skill game legislation

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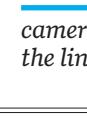
The General Assembly had one goal as it returned to Richmond on Thursday: restore eligibility for education benefits to military families who have suffered a death or serious disability while on active duty.

The assembly accomplished that goal quickly by unanimously adopting a pair of bills — Senate Bill 6012 and House Bill 6004 — that repeal budget language that restricted eligibility for the tuition waiver program.

The bills also provide an additional \$90 million that, combined with \$40 million already appropriated in the two-year budget, covers the estimated \$65 million cost to public colleges and universities that previously had not received state money earmarked for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program.

Senate Finance Chair Louise Lucas, D-Portsmouth, said her legislation would cover the program's cost while the assembly awaits recommendations from studies by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, a task force appointed by the governor and a Senate Finance work group.

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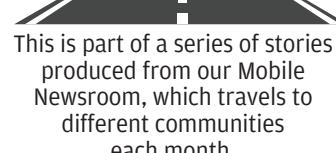
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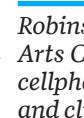
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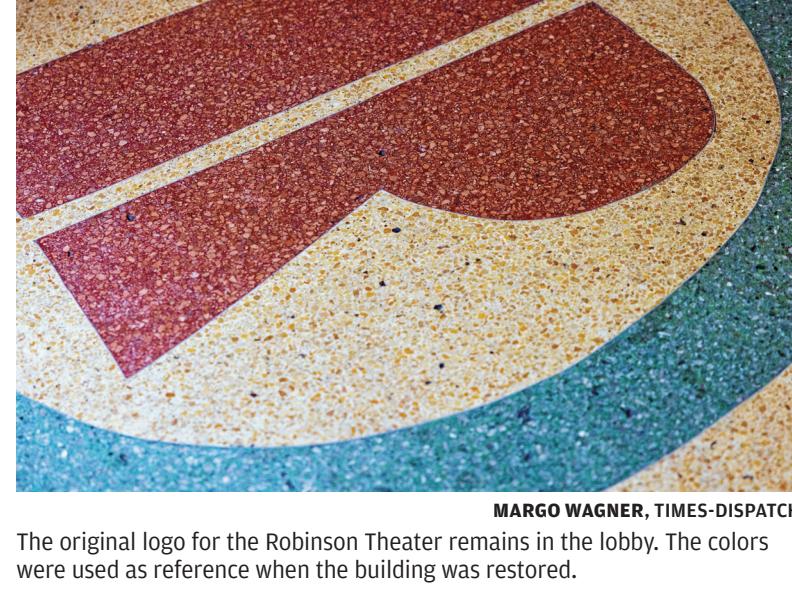
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stands as a gleaming example of how historic landmarks can be imbued with new life.

Designed by Richmond architect Edward F. Sinnott, it opened in 1937 as a movie theater and

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 WATCH NOW: Me'Kel Williams discusses the importance of the Robinson Theater Community Arts Center. Point your cellphone camera at the QR code and click the link. [NEWSVU](#)



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The original logo for the Robinson Theater remains in the lobby. The colors were used as reference when the building was restored.

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