

# Cruz, Paul Address Religious Leaders In Des Moines

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DES MOINES, Iowa — Two Republican senators on Friday were courting a group that could wield powerful influence over the outcome of the state's 2016 GOP presidential caucuses — Iowa's evangelical pastors.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, a conservative who rocketed to GOP stardom last year with a primary win over one of Texas' most powerful Republicans, privately addressed the conservative American Renewal Project Friday morning in his first trip to Iowa.

"Pastors in Iowa and across the country are critical leaders, and pastors have a responsibility to speak up for their convictions," Cruz said after the speech. "I am honored to have the opportunity to visit with pastors who are speaking the truth about the enormous challenges this nation faces."

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, the son of former 2012 presidential candidate, Texas Rep. Ron Paul, was scheduled to

appear at the gathering around midday Friday.

Cruz was also scheduled to headline a small state Republican fundraiser at lunchtime. And Paul, who visited Iowa in the spring, was set to have a closed-door meeting with Latino and African-American ministers.

But some Republicans, such as Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., see the two tea party favorites having limited appeal to voters, not only threatening GOP aspirations of winning back the White House but the party itself. A top Republican on the House Homeland Security Committee, King said Friday he, too, was considering a presidential bid in 2016.

King said the fledgling field of Republican presidential candidates — Paul and Cruz included — were not talking about strong national defense or reaching out to the "old Reagan coalition" of working-class voters, such as construction workers, police officers and firefighters. He specifically cited Paul's filibuster in March to warn against the threat of unmanned drone attacks

against U.S. citizens on American soil.

"Both of them endanger us winning nationally and also, more important than that, they hurt our national defense," King said. "The fact that they're out in Iowa, that they right now are setting the tone of the national debate, I think is harmful to the Republican Party, and in the long-run, despite their good intentions, I think it's harmful to the country, harmful to our national defense."

Cruz gave a measured response to King's statements.

"I don't know Mr. King. He is certainly entitled to his opinions," the freshman senator said. "I'm going to keep my focus not on politics but on the substance."

During a feisty lunchtime speech to Iowa state party faithful, Cruz said he wanted to abolish the Internal Revenue Service and defund President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

"The way we get this done is the American people stand together. Stop talking, start acting," Cruz said.



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## Exchange

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Melissa Klemann, assistant director of life and health insurance, said rates for the approved insurance plans would be available Saturday on the Insurance Division's website, <http://dlr.sd.gov/insurance/default.aspx>.

"We can tell you those rates have been approved,

but what they comparatively look like to plans that were completely different a year ago, that analysis is in the process of being completed," Klemann said.

Daryl Thuringer, Avera Health Plans vice president of marketing and public relations, said his organization had no idea how its rates will compare with those of other companies operating on the South Dakota exchange. He said it's also difficult to compare rates of policies offered on the exchange with other policies.

"The marketplace is a completely different product line that meets all the requirements set forth by the federal government to be on the exchange, so you really can't compare," Thuringer said.

Thuringer said Avera seeks to help people get the insurance they need.

"We know people who have health insurance will seek medical attention sooner and live longer and live healthier," Thuringer said.

## Ring

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in the sewer system for years before working its way to the wastewater plant.

"We don't know," Goodmanson stated. "When something that heavy falls into the sewer, who knows how long it takes to start moving."

The ring was turned over to the police on July 9.

"The female wedding ring has some unique and distinguishable characteristics," said Lt. Todd Brandt. "Anyone wishing to claim the lost ring can contact the Yankton Police Department between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to inquire about the ring. A complete and detailed description and/or a photograph of the ring will be needed in order to claim it."

Goodmanson said that, if the owner is found, she should have no worries about putting the ring back on her finger.

"They ran it through the autoclave, so it's disinfected and 100 percent clean — it's probably cleaner than it's ever been," he stated.

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## Track

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well as a junior high event.

"Whether or not we host a varsity meet the first year will depend on how fast we get the surroundings together — the hurdles, the pole vault pits and the grass where the discuss is going to land — that type of stuff," he said.

While the work on the track has begun, efforts to raise funds for the \$350,000 needed for the project are far from over, Buckman said.

"We had to borrow some money from the school's capital outlay fund to get it started, but we're continuing to raise funds to meet our goal," he said.

Recent fundraisers in-

clude a golf outing that raised \$5,500, as well as a fun run taking place today (Saturday). The school also was awarded a \$25,000 grant for the project from State Farm earlier this year.

Buckman said the committee has raised approximately \$220,000 to date, including uncollected pledges.

"We still have a ways to go," he said.

The committee will hold its largest remaining fundraiser, "Track-A-Palooza," in October. The event is a 1K walk/5K run/10K bike ride that will feature raffle items and a live and silent auction.

The committee continues to take donations, as well.

While he acknowledged that much effort is still needed, Buffington said he appreciated the hard work

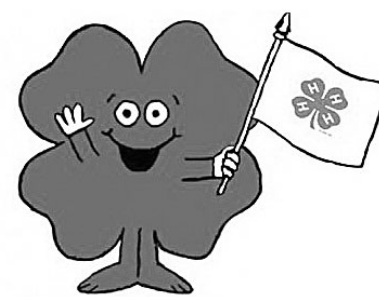
and donations of all the individuals who have supported the project so far.

"The whole community has pitched in — and by community I mean more than just Gayville and Volin," he said. "People from all over the area have put blood, sweat and tears into this."

For more information about the project or to get involved, contact the Gayville-Volin school at (605) 267-4476 or visit the project's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gayville-Volin-Alumni-and-Friends/134485143281556>.

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The 2013 Yankton County 4-H Dog Show will feature a dozen area youth competing with their four-legged friends in the following categories: On Leash Agility, Off Leash Agility, Excellent Agility, Novice Showmanship, Open Showmanship, Rally Novice A, Rally Novice B, Rally Advanced A, Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent, Basic A Obedience, Basic B Obedience and Pre-Open Obedience.



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