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## Estonian delegation to visit Sunday

*From staff reports*

A two-member Estonian delegation is scheduled to arrive in Pensacola on Sunday, under the sponsorship of the International Visitor Leadership Program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The delegation consists of the chairman of the Russian Party in Estonia and the director of the Estonian Integration Foundation and will be accompanied by a U.S. Department of State interpreter.

The delegates plan to visit with a Cantonment Boy Scout Troop, several grassroots activists and ethnic groups, Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council members and other guests from different ethnic backgrounds in Santa Rosa and Escambia counties.

Pensacola is the third stop for the delegates' U.S. tour, where they hope to examine diversity across the county. They plan to leave Pensacola on Wednesday for San Francisco before they head to Little Rock, Ark., New York City then return to Estonia on March 21, said Jena Melancon, spokeswoman for the Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council.

The delegates will examine how citizens participate in a democracy and how immigrants integrate into American culture.

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