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Multicultural festival at Memorial Hall

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FRAMINGHAM

As the Boston Marathon rolls by on nearby Route 135, the Memorial Building this afternoon will be the site of a multicultural festival featuring the tastes, sounds, and crafts of the many ethnic communities that now call Framingham home. The festival, sponsored by the Framingham Rotary Club, will run from 1 to 4 p.m. in Nevins Hall and is free and open to the public. The event will include performances by the Framingham State College gospel choir, an Indian dance troupe, and a Brazilian guitarist. Food offerings will range from Mexican to Hungarian. Nevins Hall will have some TV sets for those who want to watch the marathon runners crossing the finish line.

Man sentenced for selling green cards

A former Framingham man was sentenced late last week in US District Court in Boston for producing and selling counterfeit green cards and Social Security cards. Sebastio Desouza, 55, was sentenced by Judge George A. O'Toole to two years and three months in prison, to be followed by two years of supervised release. Desouza, a Brazilian national living illegally in the United States, pleaded guilty in May 2001 to charges of producing and selling counterfeit identification documents and possessing document-making equipment, according to the US attorney's office in Boston.

WAYLAND

Raytheon gives funds for cleanup study

Raytheon Co. has agreed to donate \$25,000 to the town to pay for independent consultants who will help assess a cleanup effort at the company's former 32-acre property on Boston Post Road, said Selectwoman Linda Segal. The cleanup will concentrate on a variety of hazardous materials known to have been generated there, including metals, oils, water-treatment chemicals, and polychlorinated biphenyl, commonly known as PCBs. Raytheon leased the Wayland property, which is flanked by wetlands, for research and development from 1955 to 1996.