

US government officials to celebrate...

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 The National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) spearheaded its member organizations to take part in the parade. The Filipino American Heritage Foundation of Nevada, Filipino Village, Filipiniana Cultural & Arts Foundation, Las Vegas Filipino-American Lions Club, Oras ng Ligaya, Bikolnon Association of Las Vegas, Filipino-American Youth Foundation, and the Philippine-USA Motorcycling Club comprised the Philippine delegation.

brought into Las Vegas over the past decades. Filipinos are one of the largest cultural groups in Las Vegas, numbering close to 100,000 residents. The Filipino people were at the center of celebrations at City Hall last May 6 during the celebration of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in this city.

Meanwhile, celebrity performers who will grace the 2009 Fiesta Filipino on June 6th include longtime Las Vegas entertainer Earl Turner as well as Filipino singers Lani Misalucha, Imelda Papin and Gloria Papin. The whole-day celebration will be on June 6th from 9am to 9pm at the Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza, locally known as Lorenzi Park. An awards and recognition gala night, meanwhile, will be held on June 20th at the Treasure Island Hotel. ■

The Helldorado Days parade is the oldest local Las Vegas tradition that aims to recapture the spirit of the "old west" at the same time integrating it with the various cultures that has been

House to...

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 die Villanueva and the rest who have called for massive street protests were probably "hooked and addicted to rallies and marches and burning effigies with loud street shouting and insulting remarks and making punching bags of government officials plus getting all the live media coverage too boot."

Antonino said that it was premature to stage protests against constituent assembly because no action has been taken in changing the Constitution. Antonino noted that any changes in the Constitution would still have to pass through a plebiscite.

Paranque Representative Rollo Golez, who was among the minority solons who made a futile bid to shoot down the resolution, said that the con-ass would not move anywhere without the Senate's participation.

"A law with accompanying appropriation is required for a plebiscite to be conducted by the Comelec. Without a law, the Comelec cannot act. And that law requires Senate approval which it will never get. So it's back to square one," Golez said.

Even if the House succeeded in convening the assembly, Golez said that the minority congressmen (around 30) and those who support constitutional convention would boycott the session which would make it doubly difficult for the majority to get the numbers to pass any amendments. ■

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