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Lollobrigida, DiCaprio NIAF Honorees

Legendary actress Gina Lollobrigida, who was once known as the most beautiful woman in the world, will receive the National Italian American Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award in Entertainment on the occasion of the 33rd Anniversary NIAF Gala, scheduled for October 17-18, in Washington D.C.

The NIAF convention weekend is expected to draw more than 3,000 Italian Americans to the nation's capital. In keeping with tradition, the Gala will be held at the Hilton Washington & Towers hotel.

Lollobrigida was born in Subiaco, Italy and began her career in 1946 in the Italian film "Lucia di Lammermoor." After starring in more than 20 European films, she made her American film debut in "Beat the Devil," which premiered in 1953. By the end of the decade, the Italian press hailed her as "The Most Beautiful Woman in the World."

During the next 20 years, "La Lolla" appeared in more than 40 films, including a 1961 Golden Globe-winning performance in "Come September," co-starring Rock Hudson. Lollobrigida's film career spanned more than half a century, as she appeared in films with icons such as Frank Sinatra, Burt

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi insignita del Cavalierato di Gran Croce

di Pino Cicala

Nancy Pelosi, prima donna Speaker della Camera degli Stati Uniti, è stata nominata Cavaliere di Gran Croce al Merito della Repubblica. La più alta onorificenza della Repubblica Italiana è stata consegnata da S.E. l'Ambasciatore d'Italia Gianni Castellaneta in una cerimonia a Villa Firenze alla presenza di numerosi membri del Congresso, Camera e Senato, Democratici e Repubblicani, di leaders della comunità e delle associazioni Italo-americane.

Citando Macchiavelli "premiare il merito e non la nobiltà di nascita o la ricchezza è la base stessa del vivere libero". L'Ambasciatore Castellaneta ha ricordato l'impegno civile e politico di Nancy Pelosi emersa come figura politica di primo piano e come rappresentante di spicco dell'italianità che è nella natura stessa della premiata. Figlia del mitico sindaco di Baltimora. Thomas d'Alessandro, anche lui membro della Camera, che ha trasmesso la sua passione politica ai figli Thomas III anche egli Sindaco di Baltimora, ed a Nancy divenuta la donna più potente degli Stati Uniti e forse del mondo. - Una famiglia la cui storia "esemplifica e sottolinea il grande contributo degli italiani d'America alla costruzione politica di questo paese. Una vocazione politica comune a tanti italiani che arrivati in

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FRANCESCO ISGRÒ

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is awarded the Cavalierato di Gran Croce by Italy's Ambassador Giovanni Castellaneta at a ceremony held at Villa Firenze.

Italy's Foreign Minister Speaks at Brookings Franco Frattini Calls for 'New Bretton Woods'

by Francesco Isgrò

Franco Frattini, Italy's Minister of Foreign Affairs, addressed a group at the



Frattini addresses a Brookings Institution audience.

Brookings Institution recently on the topic of "Italy's Foreign Policy in the new Millennium." Frattini called for the creation of a new "community of responsible powers" to fill the governance gap existing in the post-Cold War world.

Frattini noted that notwithstanding the success of a pacified and reunified Europe, the end of the Balkan conflict, the enlargement of the European Community and NATO, there is a growing sense that we are not more secure than we were twenty years ago. He pointed to areas of instability such as the Middle East and North Korea, and to conventional threats such as energy, environment, food crisis and the unfolding financial crisis.

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Speaker Nancy Pelosi Shares Empowering Words Author of "Know Your Power" sits for interview with Voce Italiana

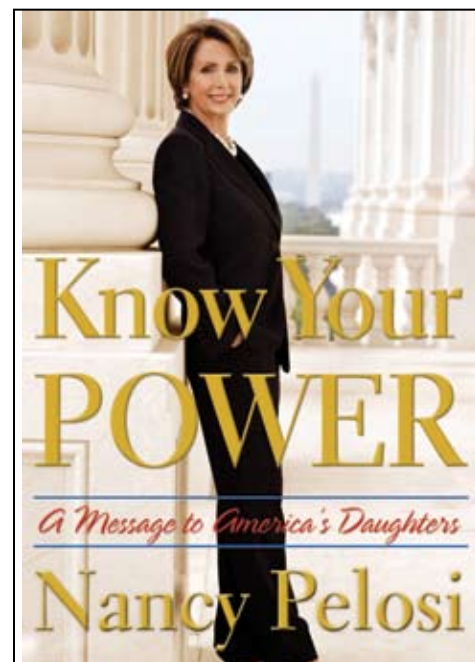
by Gemma Puglisi

Nancy D'Alessandro Pelosi became Speaker of the House in 2007, after serving 20 years in Congress. She has been mar-

ried for 45 years, is the mother of five children, and grandmother of seven (soon to be eight). Speaker Pelosi spoke with Gemma Puglisi, Voce Italiana editorial board member, about her new book "Know Your Power." In the interview Speaker Pelosi (D-Calif.) also discussed her life, family and efforts to protect the future of children and fight HIV/AIDS. Excerpts follow.

The day of my interview with Speaker Nancy Pelosi was coincidentally the same day in late September when the House was debating the \$700 billion financial rescue

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