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GOING GREEK

The number of more Greek-Americans now than when Mike Dukakis ran for president in 1988: 200,000. (Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, "2004 American Community Survey," and "Supplementary Report to 1990 Census of Population.")

The number of more American students who took the National Greek Examination last year than did when Greece joined the European Union in 1981: 1,569. (Source: American Classical League, Annual Reports.)

The percentage increase in Greece's food and beverage exports since the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens: 33. (Source: Hellenic External Trade Board, June 2007.)

The number of Greek-American heroes in major legal mystery novels: zero . . . until now.

On February 20, 2008, Five Star, an imprint of Gale, released DARK HORSE by Mike Langan. The novel stars Nikomedes "Nicky" Rigopoulos, a philandering but likeable personal injury lawyer who must go underground during the middle of his judicial campaign when he is framed for the murder of his campaign manager. With a little help from his filios, Nicky dodges a police detective and embarks on a Homeric odyssey to find the killer. Along the way, he finds time to plan his daughter's big fat Greek wedding, make a campaign stop at a Greek fraternity house, and even reminisce about his mother's baklava.

The novel, Langan's first, has been met with several favorable reviews. "The efficient storytelling and snappy dialogue shine," writes *Kirkus Reviews*, a respected book review magazine. "First-timer Langan succeeds in pulling a lovely rabbit from his hat." (Five Star, Hardcover, 978-1-59414-664-0.)

Readers can learn more about DARK HORSE at www.mikelangan.com.

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