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## Dr. Mark Dedomenico's Pegasus Training and Equine Rehabilitation Center keeps runners on track

BY ESTHER MARR

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**A**s a heart surgeon who helped develop coronary bypass surgery—a procedure performed on more than 1.5 million people a year—Dr. Mark Dedomenico has dedicated his career to improving the lives of humans through medicine. But he hasn't stopped there.

Also a passionate horseman for more than four decades, Dedomenico had an incredible ride last year with his champion 3-year-old filly Blind Luck and several other stakes winners. Dedomenico took his vocations a step further when he began exploring new medical breakthroughs for the animals that have brought such joy to his life.

"I wanted to do something for horses like I've been doing for humans for a number of years and find the best way to treat them," said Dedomenico, 73, who fulfilled a lifelong dream when he built the multi-purpose Pegasus Training and Equine Rehabilitation Center near Redmond, Wash., in 2005.



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Pegasus center near Redmond, Wash.; above, Dr. Mark Dedomenico after the Kentucky Oaks

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Even in his golden years Dedomenico has refused to slow down with his horses or his various medical research projects. In addition to overseeing Pegasus, which breaks, trains, and rehabs more than 100 horses on behalf of clients across the country, he owns one of the largest health clubs in the world, PRO Sports, maintains a stable of more than 50 horses that he campaigns alone or in partnership, and has organized several medical studies to improve equine health.

Dedomenico, who grew up in the Seattle area and waited more than 40 years to find a horse as talented as Blind Luck, will always cherish his introduction to the horse industry.

He still counts watching the races on the Northwest circuit alongside his late father, pasta and chocolate magnate Paskey Dedomenico, as one of his favorite memories in the sport. And he will never forget when it all began—the day his father sold him his first horse, Strong and Fair, for a dollar in the 1960s.

“He won his next three starts. I think my father just wanted me to get into (the horse business),” said Dedomenico, who must have inherited some of his ambition from Paskey, former owner of Golden Grain Macaroni, the company that created Rice-A-Roni and Pasta Roni. In addition to “the San Francisco treat,” one of the first convenience food

products in the United States, Paskey also at one time owned the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company.

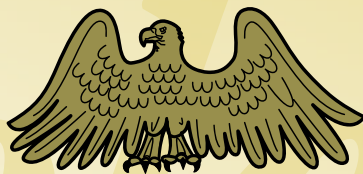
“My father was a businessman, and he was either working or going out to see the horses, so the racetrack gave us a place to bond,” added Dedomenico, who has four children and nine grandchildren. His daughters, Mary Jo, Cathleen, and Beda Jo, all worked in their grandfather’s business at one time, while his son, Mark Jr., is involved in the equine medical research department at Pegasus.

Dedomenico campaigned several horses with his father, and at one time the pair owned and operated Woods Creek Training Center near Monroe, Wash. Over the years Paskey Dedomenico had several successful horses in the Northwest, including Irish Bear, winner of the 1987 Spokane Handicap and Longacres Derby (gr. III), and Washington champion 2-year-old filly Tortellini Roma.

In addition to working in the horse business with his father, Dedomenico, who attended St. Louis University Medical School, devoted his early medical career to reversing diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol in humans. Now retired from surgery, Dedomenico continues his medical connections by owning and operating the 55,000-member PRO Sports in the Seattle area. His “20/20 Life-



Overhead view of the Pegasus facility; above, general manager and trainer Mike Puhich



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styles Program” is based on his extensive research in weight control and correcting metabolic disorders through diet and exercise. He has also started a study on treating depression.

And now, following decades of dedication to racing and equine health, Dedomenico has been rewarded with his biggest success to date with multimillionaire Blind Luck, who earned an Eclipse Award Jan. 17 for her stellar efforts during her sophomore campaign.

Blind Luck, whom Dedomenico co-owns with trainer Jerry Hollendorfer and partners John Carver and Peter Abruzzo, had an incredible 3-year-old year highlighted by her victory in the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I). The filly, who has won seven graded stakes throughout her career, has never finished worse than third in 16 starts.

“She’s run in six or seven states, been on every type of track, and won races from 4½ furlongs to 1¼ miles,” said Dedomenico. “How can you not love that horse? She’s just a sweetheart. She gives her all every time.”

Some of Dedomenico’s other stable



Some of the residents at the Pegasus Training and Rehabilitation Center

members include 2010 graded stakes winners Wonderlandbynight and Washington Bridge, and earlier graded winners Bwana Bull and Adreamisborn. Many of Dedomenico’s West Coast-based horses are trained by Kathy Walsh, while Mike Reavis and Ronny Werner handle his colorbearers in Chicago and Kentucky.

Asked why he decided to go the partnership route with so many of his horses, Dedomenico said it is mainly to try and get new blood involved in the sport.

“The more people we can get in, the better,” he said. “This business is not going to be healthy unless we keep finding people to get involved. We’ve got to find some excitement and have fun in this business. If we don’t, where are we going to be?”

As an effort to fuel more participation in racing among Northwest residents, Dedomenico is hosting a public sale of 22 of his horses Feb. 15. In addition to getting new people involved, Dedomenico has worked to produce results at Pegasus in order to convince more owners to send their horses there.

Located near Seattle on a 98-acre parcel of land carefully carved from the verdant forests surrounding the property, Pegasus sports pristine, polished architecture that is reminiscent of the accommodations one might associate with celebrities, dignitaries, and royalty. The property drops down into a valley, with stunning views of the snow-capped Cascade Mountains. “It’s spectacular,” said Pegasus general manager and trainer Mike Puhich, who lives

## 2010 Leading Sires in California

State sire lists updated daily online. Go to <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/thoroughbred-breeding/sire-lists>

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in California (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2010. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A † indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2011 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2010 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Harris Farms	\$20,000	123/62	6/7	0/6	(The Usual Q. T., \$906,570)	\$4,342,128	*455	27	2.16	1.11
2	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$6,500	122/62	5/13	1/5	(A Little Warm, \$708,000)	\$3,254,053	*564	27	1.28	1.48
3	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), Ballena Vista Farm	\$4,000	168/103	6/9	1/6	(Bench Points, \$144,600)	\$2,903,594	*577	30	1.29	1.21
4	SALT LAKE (89, Deputy Minister), Golden Eagle Farm	Died, 2010	120/63	4/6	2/4	(Hamazing Destiny, \$441,424)	\$2,402,845	*1167	51	1.45	1.42
5	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$12,500	131/69	4/4	2/4	(Bran Jammass, \$136,860)	\$2,213,435	897	62	1.74	1.46
6	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	141/79	5/5	1/5	(Radio Relay, \$110,120)	\$2,130,695	*313	12	1.10	1.34
7	BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker), Ballena Vista Farm	\$8,000	120/59	2/4	0/2	(Karelian, \$320,000)	\$2,057,747	907	50	1.42	1.58
8	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	149/86	3/5	1/3	(Bond James Bond, \$95,570)	\$1,952,600	402	15	1.01	0.90
9	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Harris Farms	\$5,000	142/65	3/3	1/3	(Hi Ho Yodeler, \$118,912)	\$1,914,742	608	23	1.09	1.08
10	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$6,000	91/48	4/6	0/4	(Alphie's Bet, \$279,000)	\$1,870,920	249	14	1.51	1.20
11	DEPUTY COMMANDER (94, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2009	128/66	2/3	0/2	(Dubai Gold, \$77,350)	\$1,761,894	*562	24	1.23	1.63
12	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms	\$6,000	80/40	2/9	0/2	(Cost of Freedom, \$290,878)	\$1,753,381	697	39	1.72	1.18
13	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$2,500	114/47	4/7	1/4	(Secret Gypsy, \$268,541)	\$1,551,744	*370	19	0.99	1.11
14	SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel	\$4,000	92/43	2/2	0/2	(Calibrachoa, \$138,600)	\$1,523,365	*216	2	0.87	1.49
15	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$4,000	84/45	2/3	1/2	(Antares World, \$236,480)	\$1,489,713	177	5	1.07	1.01
16	SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	66/41	2/5	0/2	(No Hesitation, \$295,658)	\$1,436,231	*362	13	1.08	0.89
17	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms	Died, 2010	88/47	2/2	0/2	(Enriched, \$349,496)	\$1,411,415	*896	46	1.06	1.19
18	REDATTORE (BRZ) (95, Roi Normand), Harris Farms	\$2,500	64/35	2/6	0/2	(Compari, \$220,000)	\$1,397,902	*312	2	1.10	1.21
19	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	83/43	3/3	1/3	(Money Lover, \$108,860)	\$1,285,236	140	4	0.93	1.06
20	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$3,000	83/34	1/2	1/1	(Bruce's Dream, \$176,880)	\$1,104,340	392	12	1.11	1.54
21	OLMODAVOR (99, A.P. Indy), Magali Farms	\$5,000	71/36	1/1	0/1	(Sir Heart Throb, \$95,471)	\$945,056	*142	4	0.93	1.40
22	FREESPOOL (96, Geiger Counter), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	76/36	1/1	1/1	(Mr Tokyo, \$115,572)	\$911,243	171	2	0.60	0.81
23	MINISTERS WILD CAT (00, Deputy Minister), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	60/32	2/4	1/2	(Swiss Wild Cat, \$189,552)	\$885,296	103	2	0.77	1.05
24	LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms	N/A	71/38	1/1	1/1	(Dotsy Jean, \$169,948)	\$809,578	385	22	1.28	1.18
25	VALID WAGER (92, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2007	63/31	1/3	1/1	(U R All That I Am, \$235,409)	\$776,015	499	18	1.06	1.22
26	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Gray	\$1,500	61/32	3/4	1/3	(Tornado Betty, \$100,120)	\$737,943	276	11	0.80	1.22
27	RICHLY BLENDED (98, Rizzi)	Died, 2006	40/23	1/3	0/1	(Ultra Blend, \$187,824)	\$736,776	120	2	0.86	0.79
28	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander), Magali Farms	\$3,000	72/25	1/1	0/1	(Tenth Power, \$70,196)	\$732,520	131	1	0.63	1.27
29	MOMENTUM (98, Nureyev), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$5,000	52/25	1/1	1/1	(Catsalot, \$106,801)	\$616,991	135	1	0.62	1.08
30	ROAR (93, Forty Niner)	Died, 2008	50/34	1/1	0/1	(Roaring Home, \$65,121)	\$616,083	*634	17	1.50	1.37
31	GOTHAM CITY (98, Saint Ballado), Applebite Farms	\$2,000	43/27	0/0	0/0	(The Bat Signal, \$85,104)	\$585,574	105	0	0.87	0.94

\*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.

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## Southern Image

HALO'S IMAGE — PLEASANT DIXIE, BY DIXIELAND BAND

### California's #1 Leading Second-Crop Sire by money and winners

\$1.6 million+ in 2010 progeny earnings and 49 winners  
Six 2010 stakes horses incl. NYRA SW **CALIBRACHOA** (\$160,540), record-setting SW **SOUTHERN FIREBALL**, **Privileged** (3rd Swale S.-G2), **Mallory Square** (3rd Florida Oaks-G3), and 2010 multiple stakes-placed **Southern Ridge** (3rd \$175,000 Long Branch S., etc.)

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A swimming pool is one of the exercise options at the Pegasus facility

in a house on the property, as does Dedomenico.

While Pegasus may be far from larger horse populations, the facility beckons horsemen from around the country with its many amenities, which include a five-eighths-mile Polytrack oval, a dirt track at a nearby lay-up facility, an indoor arena, covered euocisers and round pens, a swimming pool, an underwater treadmill, and a hyperbaric chamber. And lately, in addition to its fancy accommodations, Pegasus has also been swaying owners with its continuing success stories.

Pegasus currently has more than 35 clients from California to New York. The facility's biggest customer, however, is Canadian owner Glen Todd, who keeps around 50 horses there. The owner has had numerous stakes winners since he started sending horses to Pegasus three years ago, including graded victors Holy Nova and Sir Gallovic.

"I've had great success (sending horses to Pegasus)," said Todd, who was named the co-leading owner in British Columbia last year. "The Polytrack is open year-round, and it's the best rehab center in the Western United States as far as I know. Everything is immaculately clean, they have great help, a great manager in Mike, and they keep me up-to-date on my horses almost daily. I wouldn't think of going anywhere else."

Some of the other successful horses influenced by the services and training techniques at Pegasus include grade I victors Georgie Boy, Golden Doc A, and Victor's Cry. Six-year-old Secret Gypsy, a multiple graded stakes winner the last two years, was also rehabbed and trained at the Washington facility.

John Kuehl, owner of Secret Gypsy, decided to send the mare to Pegasus in the fall of 2009 after he discovered chips in two of her knees and an ankle. "We figured at

that point, her racing career was probably over until (trainer) Ronny Werner told us about Pegasus," said Kuehl. "The care she received at Pegasus was tremendous, and the staff there could not have been more accommodating."

After six months of rehabilitation following the removal of the chips, the daughter of Sea of Secrets returned to the races and won three stakes last year, including the Honorable Miss Handicap (gr. II) and Endine Stakes (gr. III).

"She has done so much to enhance our lives," Kuehl said. "It was quite amazing to get her back to the races after the surgery she had, and then on top of that for her to be able to perform at that high of a level...they just did a magnificent job to get her back to that point."

The mare, who was retired after sustaining a suspensory injury in the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (gr. I), brought \$540,000 at the recent Keeneland January mixed sale.

George Schwary, owner of Georgie Boy, said he originally sent the son of Tribal Rule to Pegasus due to its Polytrack surface. "I'm real happy with Pegasus—it's a world-class training center, and I've sent a few of my horses there, including Georgie Boy's 2-year-old half brother Mikey T," Schwary said. "I just started out in the industry in 2002, and I never dreamed I'd get a grade I winner; people go their whole lives and never get one. But Georgie Boy got one after being broken at Pegasus."

"We cater to the individual horse; some take a little bit more patience and time than others," said Puhich of Pegasus, which believes in using a cross-training method to help each horse reach its fullest potential. "We start with ground driving and then the round pen, and graduate to the indoor arena, and then from there to the racetrack. But every horse

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Siberian Summer.....	2.....	5
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Free House.....	2.....	3
General Meeting.....	2.....	3
Rahy's Quackerjack.....	2.....	3
Snowbound.....	2.....	3

is treated differently, depending on their personality and how they handle it. We emphasize being patient and taking our time with the horse."

Puhich, who took out his training license in 1984, conditioned horses in Washington, New York, Illinois, Kentucky, Texas, and California before coming to Pegasus, and now has approximately 38 employees under him at Dedomenico's facility. "We have really good, experienced help—it's family-oriented; a really close-knit, loyal group," said Puhich. "We work well together as a team."

Dedomenico praises Puhich's skills and character. "Mike has no bad habits...he has great knowledge of horses; he knows, exactly what to do," Dedomenico said. "He reminds me of Jerry Hollendorfer. He's out there at 3:30-4 a.m. every morning doing his thing. You never have to worry about what's going on with him, and every horse has been taken care of and looked after. If there's a sick horse, everyone at the farm is up with him. They love him, and they do anything he wants; he's a good manager."

In turn, one of Puhich's greatest joys is seeing the pleasure the stable's success gives Dedomenico.



"It was a dream of his to devise a place for breaking babies and rehabbing horses, and to see all of that come to fruition is great," Puhich said. "He wants other people to come enjoy it and benefit from it, and I love being a part of that."

In addition to breaking and training, Pegasus is currently involved in three equine studies in conjunction with Colorado State University and Dr. Wayne McIlwraith: one on reducing knee injuries, one on platelet-rich plasma and its function, and one on the effectiveness of using stem cells for repairing leg injuries.

Currently, Pegasus is paying for all the shipping and surgeries for the horses in the different protocol groups. Among the other veterinarians involved is Dr. Jim Bryant, who treats horses on the United States Equestrian Federation team.

"What (Dedomenico) wants to do is get enough cases so he can write a paper and say, 'This is the new protocol that works a lot better, gets horses to the track faster, and lasts a lot longer,'" said Puhich. "He's used it on his own horses, but he wants to get enough cases to prove it. That's a challenge—to have a full protocol group.

"Mark is awesome to work for," he added. "He likes everything done first class. He wants to do things the right

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Sires	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
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Kafwain	71	35	16
Ministers Wild Cat	54	27	12
Benchmark	73	24	12
Swiss Yodeler	64	29	10
Lucky Pulpit	24	10	8
Salt Lake	48	22	7
Globalize	25	12	7
In Excess (IRE)	54	22	7
Marino Marini	40	15	6
Southern Image	68	25	6
Old Topper	50	21	6
Bertrando	62	21	5
Rio Verde	24	10	5
Decarchy	42	15	5
Singletary	26	9	4
Western Fame	14	7	4
Nineelevn	10	5	4
Roar	21	6	4
Doc Gus	22	8	4
Flame Thrower	46	11	4

way, but he also leaves you in control like you're the captain of the ship. He's an amazing guy; he takes care of all the help, and he's become more of a father figure...I thought I was special, but he treats all the employees the same way. If they ever need anything, he's there, and he's a very loyal person."

Considering all the success he's had in

life, Dedomenico is quick to credit others for contributing to his good fortune.

"(Others) are the key, but that's the key in everything I've done," said Dedomenico. "I'm a visionary. I'm not a doer; I can visualize if we ought to do something, but someone has to take me by the hand and keep me going in it. I've been surrounded by really good people." 🐾

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