

Sausage Businessman Jimmy Dean Dies At 81

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Jimmy Dean, a country music legend for his smash hit about a workingman hero, "Big Bad John," and an entrepreneur known for his sausage brand, died on Sunday. He was 81.

His wife, Donna Meade Dean, said her husband died at their Henrico County, Va., home.

She told The Associated Press that he had some health problems but was still functioning well, so his death came as a shock. She said he was eating in front of the television. She left the room for a time and came back and he was unresponsive. She said he was pronounced dead at 7:54 p.m. "He was amazing," she said. "He had a lot of talents."

Born in 1928, Dean was raised in poverty in Plainview, Texas, and dropped out of high school after the ninth grade. He went on to a successful entertainment career in the 1950s and '60s that included the nationally televised "The Jimmy Dean Show."

In 1969, Dean went into the sausage business, starting the Jimmy Dean Meat Co. in his hometown. He sold the company to Sara Lee Corp. in 1984.

Dean lived in semiretirement with his wife, who is a songwriter and recording artist, on their 200-acre estate just outside Richmond, where he enjoyed investing, boating and watching the sun set over the James River.

In 2009 a fire gutted their home, but his Grammy for "Big Bad John," a puppet made by Muppets creator Jim Henson, a clock that had belonged to Prince Charles and Princess Diana and other valuables were saved. Lost were a collection of celebrity-autographed books, posters of Dean with Elvis Presley and other prized possessions.

Donna Meade Dean said the couple had just moved back into their reconstructed home.

Utah Oil Spill Has Not Yet Reached Great Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Emergency workers believe they have stopped a 21,000-gallon oil leak from reaching the environmentally sensitive Great Salt Lake, one of the West's most important inland water bodies for migratory birds that use it as a place to rest, eat and breed.

But the spill has taken a toll on wildlife at area creeks and ponds, coating about 300 birds with oil and possibly threatening an endangered fish.

The leak began Friday night when an underground Chevron Corp. pipeline in the mountains near the University of Utah broke. The breach sent oil into a creek that flows through neighborhoods, into a popular Salt Lake City park, and ultimately into the Jordan River, which flows into the Great Salt Lake.

The 10-inch pipeline was shut off Saturday morning, when workers at a nearby Veterans Administration building smelled oil and called the Salt Lake City fire department, which notified Chevron. The pipe carries crude oil from western Colorado to a refinery near the Salt Lake City International Airport.

Jason Olsen, spokesman for the Salt Lake City Joint Information Center, said Sunday emergency workers believe they have contained the spill to the Jordan River.

But the spill still took its toll on birds at Red Butte Creek and at a large pond at Liberty Park, where visitors often feed birds from the shore and on rented paddle boats. About 300 birds were coated in oil and cleaned at Utah's Hogle Zoo. Fewer than 10 have died, said Salt Lake City spokeswoman Lisa Harrison-Smith.

Most of the birds were Canada geese, although some ducks were also covered.

Harrison-Smith said the oil also flowed through several other riparian areas, which could threaten a rare Utah fish called a June sucker. It's been listed as an endangered species since 1986.

Most of Liberty Park reopened Sunday. The pond remained closed, and Olsen urged those who live near affected waterways to stay away from them.

GULF OIL SPILL

Obama Plans Speech, Victims Fund

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama demanded that BP set up a compensation fund for the oil-tainted Gulf Coast and prepared for his first Oval Office address to the nation as he tried to wrest control of the environmental disaster threatening to overwhelm his administration.

White House officials announced the steps Sunday as Obama prepared for his fourth visit to the tortured Gulf. They came at a pivotal moment in the catastrophe, with the enormity of the oil spill in sharper focus from more accurate measurements and no end in sight until relief wells are completed in August.

That means the nation must settle in for a long, hot summer of oil and gas spewing relentlessly from the ocean floor, driving residents to anger and despair, ruining precious marshlands,

and poisoning pelicans, turtles and other wildlife.

For Obama, it is imperative that he try to help guide the country through the anguishing weeks ahead. After returning Tuesday from a trip to Alabama, Mississippi and Florida he will deliver a prime-time address from the Oval Office. It will be the first time he has used that most presidential of settings as a backdrop, underscoring the urgency of the moment.

"We're at a kind of inflection point in this saga, because we now know that, what essentially what we can do and what we can't do, in terms of collecting oil, and what lies ahead in the next few months," senior adviser David Axelrod said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "And he wants to lay out the steps that we're going to take from here to get through this, through this crisis."

Obama will use the speech to address the challenges associated with the oil spill, from cleanup



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Clean up crews work along Elmer's Island, Louisiana on Saturday as oil from the collapsed BP oil rig has started to come ashore.

to damages claims, and will reiterate the need for Congress to pass comprehensive energy legislation stalled in the Senate.

The next day, Wednesday, Obama will convene his first meeting with BP PLC executives, expected to include the company's much-criticized CEO, Tony Hayward, who will also be grilled

on Capitol Hill this week. At the meeting the president will tell company officials he expects them to establish a major compensation fund for people and companies damaged by the spill, to be administered by an independent panel, and that he will use his legal authority to ensure BP complies, White

House officials said.

The White House said the size of the fund was to be determined, but Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., circulated a letter to other senators Sunday to be sent to BP asking for a \$20 billion set-aside.

Almost two months since BP's leased drilling rig Deepwater Horizon exploded in the Gulf, triggering the worst oil spill in U.S. history, the steps add up to Obama's most concerted efforts so far to assert leadership in face of the calamity. It remains to be seen whether he'll be able to win back the confidence of a skeptical public that's already seen potentially more than 100 million gallons of crude expelled into the Gulf, far outstripping the Exxon Valdez disaster. Estimates of the size of the spill have ratcheted up time and again even as BP tries to collect some portion of the spewing oil into containment ships at the surface.

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Store Logos on Coupons Raise Reader's Ire

Q: "What is it with some manufacturers that put a store name on their coupons? A manufacturer coupon is a promotion offered by the product's manufacturer and shouldn't be tied to a particular store. This week in the coupon inserts there were a lot of manufacturer coupons with store logos on them, but the coupons state that they are manufacturer coupons. Shouldn't I be able to use them at any store I choose?"

A: Coupons fall into two distinct categories: manufacturer coupons and store coupons. A manufacturer coupon is issued and redeemable by the product's manufacturer and it will always have the wording at the top, "Manufacturer Coupon."

A store coupon typically looks different from a manufacturer coupon. The bar code may be shorter or longer than a standard coupon and it will typically contain the name of the store and the words "Store Coupon."

But what about a coupon that, at first glance, appears to be a combination of manufacturer coupon and store coupon? As this reader points out, some manufacturer coupons may also feature a store's name or logo. It may also say "Redeemable at Store X" or "Only redeemable at Store X." But shouldn't manufacturer coupons be redeemable anywhere?

In theory, yes. A manufacturer coupon is redeemable at any store that will accept it. Manufacturer coupons have standardized bar codes that will scan at any store that accepts coupons. You can usually determine if your store will accept them by reading your store's coupon policy. Look for this on the store's website or at the store service counter. A store that states, "We accept all manufacturer coupons" will accept coupons with another store's logo or name on them - again, because that manufacturer will reimburse the store when it sends in that coupon for redemption.

So why would a manufacturer coupon feature a specific store? Obviously, the manufacturer or the store, or perhaps both working together, want to influence not just what you buy, but where you purchase it. But as you correctly point out, a manufacturer coupon is still a manufacturer coupon, regardless of any store name or logo printed on it.

Whether or not you'll be able to use a coupon that states "Redeemable at Store X" at Store Y across town is entirely up to Store Y. Coupon use in general is a privilege, not a right. Remember, stores can choose not to accept coupons at all. Do some homework on your end and find out if your store's coupon policy addresses this issue. In my area, three major supermarkets accept all manufacturer coupons, so using them with another store's name or logo on them isn't an issue. I think this is a great policy for shoppers. And why would a store want to turn down a sale, especially one that they'll be reimbursed for?

One last note on manufacturer coupons that bear store logos or names. Novice coupon shoppers often assume that coupons printed with a store's logo are in fact "store coupons," and they mistakenly believe they can stack a manufacturer coupon with this "store coupon." Remember, if a coupon contains the words "manufacturer coupon," it is not a store coupon, regardless of whether it has a store's logo on it or you found it in the coupon inserts, online or in the store itself.

You can only use one manufacturer coupon per item that you buy, and you can never use more than one manufacturer coupon on the same item. However, if you have one store coupon and one manufacturer coupon, you can stack these together for bigger savings! We'll revisit the topic of stacking coupons in next week's column.

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