

Political Preacher Falwell Dies

(AP) -- The Rev. Jerry Falwell was stricken at his campus office in Lynchburg, Va. and died Tuesday after a career in which the evangelist used the power of television to transform the religious right into a mighty force in American politics. He was 73.

The founder of the Moral Majority was discovered without a pulse at Liberty University and pronounced dead at a hospital an hour later. Dr. Carl Moore, Falwell's physician, said he had a heart condition and presum-



Rev. Jerry Falwell

ably died of a heart rhythm abnormality.

Falwell credited the Moral Majority with getting millions of conservative voters registered, aiding in Ronald Reagan's victory in 1980 and giving Republicans control of the Senate.

The rise of Christian conservatism — and the Moral Majority's full-throated condemnation of homosexuality, abortion and pornography — made Falwell perhaps the most recognizable figure on the evangelical right, and one of the most

controversial ones, too.

Matt Foreman, executive director of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, extended condolences to those close to Falwell, but added: "Unfortunately, we will always remember him as a founder and leader of America's anti-gay industry, someone who exacerbated the nation's appalling response to the onslaught of the AIDS epidemic, someone who demonized and vilified us for political gain and someone who used religion to divide rather than unite our nation."



Floyd and Mary Booker

Business Owners Mark 50 Years

Family, friends, employees and members of the community are invited to celebrate the success of a minority owned and operated small family business.

Floyd N. Booker Sr. and his wife Mary J. established Courtesy Janitorial Services in 1956. On Saturday, May 19 at 6 p.m., the couple will observe their 50 years of outstanding business operations in Oregon with a pub-

lic celebration at the Miracles Club, 4069 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Over 300 people have been employed for the company over the years. The couple has also raised 6 children during their time in Portland. Each of these children worked in the family business. Son Ron currently serves as the company president of and son Mike as operations manager.

No Diversity on TV Talk

Not only are the Sunday morning talk shows on the broadcast networks dominated by conservative opinion and commentary, the four programs -- NBC's Meet the Press, ABC's This Week, CBS' Face the Nation, and Fox Broadcasting Co.'s Fox News Sunday -- feature guest lists that are overwhelmingly white and overwhelmingly male.

And the top-rated Sunday show -- Meet the Press -- shows

White males dominate the TV Sunday morning talk shows.



the least diversity of all. The NBC program is the most male and nearly the most white.

A breakdown of the guests who appeared on the Sunday shows in 2005 and 2006 by the liberal group Media Matters

shows that men dominate these shows. In fact, men outnumber women by a 4-to-1 ratio on average.

The divide is even starker when it comes to race and ethnicity: On average, there

were nearly seven white guests for every guest of any other race and ethnicity. On Meet the Press and Face the Nation, there were nearly nine white guests for every guest of another race and ethnicity.

Jazz Great Remembered in New Orleans

(AP) -- A white and black-clad band in New Orleans led a hearse carrying the body of clarinetist Alvin Batiste and hundreds of mourners attached themselves to the jazz funeral Saturday for one

of the city's most revered musicians.

A jazz procession complete with grand marshals twirling umbrellas then poured into the street, where traffic backed up for blocks.

Batiste, who toured with Ray Charles and Cannonball Adderley, recorded with Branford Marsalis and taught pianist Henry Butler, died May 6 of an apparent heart attack, hours before he was to perform with Harry Connick Jr. and



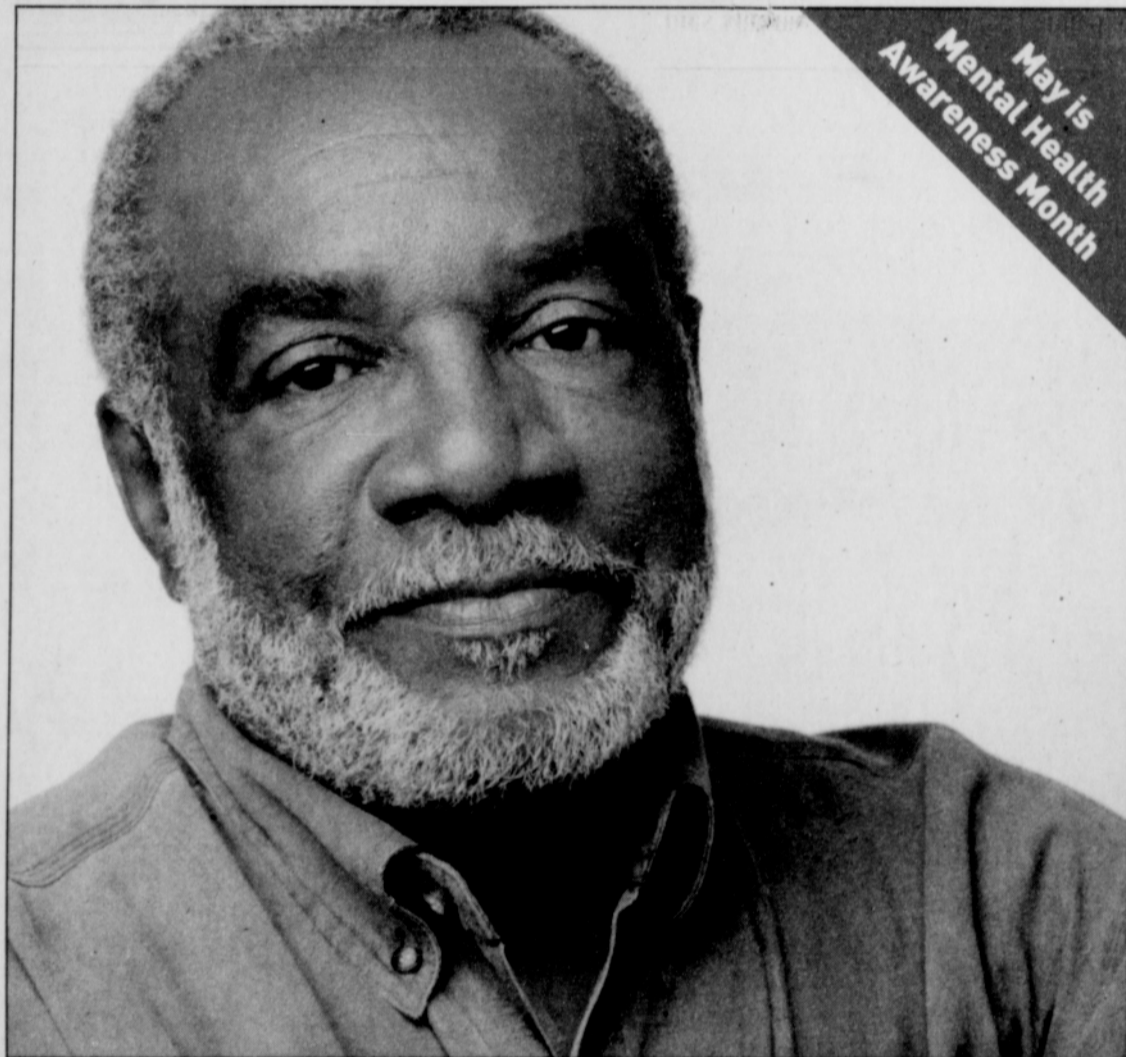
Alvin Batiste

Marsalis at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. Though his age was not precisely known, festival officials said he was born in New Orleans in 1932.

Batiste was considered one of the founders of the modern jazz scene in the city. A longtime teacher at Southern University in Baton Rouge, he created the Batiste Jazz Institute — one of the first programs of its kind in the nation — and taught jazz at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts.

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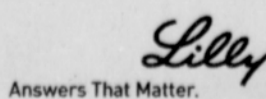
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