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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

- WHO:** Charles McNair, author of the soon-to-be-released novel, *Pickett's Charge*, and Books Editor and commentator for *Paste* Magazine. His first novel, *Land O' Goshen* was a nominee for the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1994.
- WHAT:** McNair is available for interviews for media outlets looking for a fresh angle to this week's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. He can share his thoughts on:
- The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and its climactic event, Pickett's Charge, which inspired the title of his new work of fiction
  - Why the Civil War continues to inspire writers and artists
  - What the Civil War means to him as a native of the state of Alabama and how the war's legacy has influenced his writing
  - The top novels and nonfiction books about the Civil War
  - Civil War reenactors – are they living historians or novelists in action?
  - *Pickett's Charge*, McNair's novel that tells the story of Threadgill Pickett, the last surviving Confederate soldier on a Quixotic quest to take out the last surviving Yankee
- WHERE:** McNair lives in Atlanta, Georgia. He is available for in-person interviews, or will make himself available via Skype, phone or email.
- WHEN:** July 1-3, 2013  
July 1 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Pickett's Charge took place on the third and final day of the battle, July 3.
- DETAILS:** Charles McNair, a native of the Yellowhammer State of Alabama, released his first novel, *Land O' Goshen*, to critical acclaim. *Land O' Goshen* was a nominee for the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1994. Charles currently lives in Atlanta where he writes full-time, combining freelance literary duties with assignments for corporations and businesses, including "Power of Storytelling" workshops. Since 2005, he has served as Books Editor for *Paste* magazine and shared his reviews on Atlanta radio station WMLB 1690 AM. He is currently at work on his third novel, *The Epicureans*. Visit Charles online at [charlesmcnairauthor.com](http://charlesmcnairauthor.com). He tweets [@McNairWrites](https://twitter.com/McNairWrites).