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To illuminate and preserve.*

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**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE TO HOST SPECIAL LEARNING  
LUNCH WITH ANNISTON STAR PUBLISHER**

The History Museum of Mobile will host a special Learning Lunch featuring *Anniston Star* publisher H. Brandt Ayers Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at noon.

Ayers will discuss his latest memoir, "In Love with Defeat: The Making of a Southern Liberal," which tells of his time as a journalist and publisher during Alabama's Civil Rights struggle and Ayers' experience covering outsized political figures such as U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Alabama Governor George Wallace.

**"The book is part memoir and part history lesson all bound up in a cautionary tale, told through the eyes of a newspaperman and newspaper owner who traveled the world and saw parallels and lessons with every stamp on his passport. Brandt Ayers always understood that his paper could be a force of good for even the weakest of his readership, and it is high time he told this personal story, as a kind of punctuation to that worthy tale."**

**-Rick Bragg, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author**

From the late 19th century to the early 21st, the Ayers name has been synonymous with progressive journalism. Brandt Ayers graduated from the University of Alabama and later studied at Harvard and Columbia. He served as Washington correspondent for the *(Raleigh) News and Observer* and covered Robert Kennedy's Justice Department for a news bureau serving newspapers in the South and Southwest. He later led the *Star* during the turbulent Civil Rights era.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring their sack lunch, and complimentary beverages will be provided.

For more information, contact Museum Relations Officer Daniela Werner at (251) 208-7652 or [museumrelations@cityofmobile.org](mailto:museumrelations@cityofmobile.org).

**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE:** Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 South Royal Street in downtown Mobile, the History Museum of Mobile documents the 300-year history of Mobile and the surrounding region. The History Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. For more information, call (251) 208-7508.

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