



MEDIA ADVISORY

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**UNDERGROUND RAILROAD “CONDUCTOR” HARRIET TUBMAN TO BE
PORTRAYED BY MARLENE RIVERO AT HISTORIC OLD COURTHOUSE**

WHERE: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial – Old Courthouse

WHEN: Friday, February 23: 9:30 and 11:00 (School and Community Groups)
Saturday, February 24: 10:30 and 1:00 (General Public)

WHAT: **Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad** – Marlene Rivero, Underground Railroad history storyteller and southern Illinois resident, will focus on the struggles and victories of the famous abolitionist and “conductor,” Harriet Tubman, as she fought for freedom.

WHY: African Americans have played central roles in some of the most triumphant and courageous moments in the history of the United States. During National African American History Month, the National Park Service will honor the rich heritage of African Americans and pay tribute to their many contributions to the nation through a month long series of free performances and presentations.

The Historic Old Courthouse, located at 11 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Museum of Westward Expansion, located beneath the Gateway Arch along the St. Louis riverfront, is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. **Community and School groups wishing to attend the Friday programs must make a reservation.** To make reservations and for a free calendar of the 2007 African American Heritage Program Series, call (314) 655-1700 weekdays, or 7-1-1 voice TTY Telecommunications Relay Service. Visit us at www.nps.gov/jeff.

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