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VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY BICENTENNIAL
January 1, 1805, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark are awakened by a volley of small arms ushering in the new year, the only sign of celebration available to the corps. Dining on boiled elk and roots, their only beverage water, the captains' thoughts turn to New Year's Day 1807, and its celebration.

Now that Ft. Clatsop is completed the relations with the Clatsop Indians becomes even more important. Roots, berries and blubber from a beached whale are traded for beads and fishhooks. Aware (cont. p.3)
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New ( ) Renew ( ) Send Membership Card yes ( ) no ( ) (Please Include Zip and 4 digits)

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[TRAIL ESSAY]

...friend, it reminds us of the earth where we live, this commonality of life. The earth's history is a story of the interconnection of all living things, of the diversity and complexity of life. It is a story of the cycles of life, of the evolution of species, of the relationships between organisms and their environment.

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PRESEVATION IN THE REAL WORLD

Realities of Urban and Rural Preservation

Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference
April 20-22, 2000, Saginaw
Website: www.mhpn.org
Email: fingood@brnpn.org
Ph: 517/371-6000 Fax: 517/371-9990

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