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Categories of notes are: 1) Archaeology, 2) Physical Anthropology, 3) Paleoenvironments (with subsections: Plants, Invertebrates, Vertebrates and Geosciences), and 4) Special Focus. The last category is reserved for a pre-selected topic for which CSFA solicits manuscripts. No more than 65 papers will be accepted for each issue. Each contributor will have no more than one paper as senior author.

The theme of the Special Focus section for Volume 23 is “New Developments in the Paleolithic of Japan.” *CRP* editors are soliciting manuscripts that present new information on the paleoecology, archaeology, and physical anthropology of the Japanese archipelago during the Pleistocene, from initial hominid colonization to roughly 10,000 RCYBP. Authors wishing to contribute a manuscript to the Special Focus section should contact the *CRP* Editor (Goebel) by January 15, 2006, to discuss their potential contribution. The target date for submitting Special Focus manuscripts is February 15, 2006.

All manuscripts submitted should be of note length, up to 750 words plus references (or 400 words with one figure and caption). They should be current, original, unpublished, and not submitted to another journal. Most word-processing programs have a word-count mechanism; please use it. If the text of your manuscript is more than three pages (12-point type, double-spaced, 1-inch margins), then it is probably too long.

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Criteria for manuscript acceptance include quality of research, appropriateness of topic, order of receipt, and length. Manuscripts are reviewed by the *CRP* editor and a panel of international associate editors chosen from appropriate fields. Contributors will be notified of the acceptance of the paper as soon as possible. Some revisions may be required. All manuscripts are edited for style and grammar. It is imperative that authors carefully proof their manuscripts for content, journal style, and grammar. We also suggest that all manuscripts be reviewed by a colleague prior to submission.

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Form and Style

The following are some preferred abbreviations, words, and spellings: archaeology; Paleoamerican (Paleoindian implies a descent relationship); ca. (circa); RCYBP (radiocarbon years before present); CALYBP (calendar years before present); early, middle, late (e.g., early Holocene); ^{14}C ; in situ; et al.; pers. comm. (e.g., "C. L. Brace, pers. comm. 1998"); CRM (cultural resource management); and AMS (accelerator mass spectrometer technique of radiocarbon dating). Metric units should be used and abbreviated throughout: mm, cm, m, km, ha, m².

Counting numbers, used to express a number of objects, are written out when they start a sentence and for quantities of one through nine, and are written as Arabic numerals for quantities of 10 or more (example: "researchers recovered two choppers and eight knives;" example: "researchers recovered 10 choppers and 126 knives"). When quantities fewer than 10 and greater than 10 appear in the same sentence, consistency governs (example: "researchers recovered 14 choppers and 5 knives"). Counting numbers greater than 999 should include a comma (examples: "1,230 mollusks; 22,137 flakes"). Note the exception to this rule when expressing dates (see below).

Numbers of measurement, which are expressed as a decimal fraction, are written as Arabic numerals regardless of whether a decimal point appears or not (example: "3.5 m, 8 km, 1 kg, 52.34 cm, 3.0 ft").

Radiocarbon dates are expressed in ^{14}C years before present (RCYBP) and should include the standard error and the laboratory number (example: "11,000 \pm 250 RCYBP (A-1026)"). Dates referring to geologic time, calibrated radiocarbon dates, and dates inferred by other means such as TL and OSL dating are expressed in calendar years before present (CALYBP) (example: "85,000 CALYBP"). Omit the comma when the year is less than 10,000 (examples: "8734 \pm 90 RCYBP (A-1026);" "9770 CALYBP").

All underlined and italicized words will be italicized in final form. Use of Latin or common names is acceptable, but include the name not used in parentheses following first usage [example: "researchers recovered the dung of the Shasta ground sloth (*Nothotheriops shastensis*)"]. If technical jargon or abbreviations are used, provide an explanation in parentheses or use a more common term.

References cited in the text and formatting of the bibliography must adhere to the Style Guide of *American Antiquity* (57:749-770), available on the web at <http://www.saa.org/publications/Styleguide/styframe.html>. This facilitates the editing for style used in *CRP*. Citations used in the text are as follows: “. . . according to Martin (1974a, 1974b),” “. . . as has been previously stated (Martin 1974; Thompson 1938).” Crosscheck all references with the original work—this is where most problems occur. *CRP* editors are not responsible for reference errors.

Use active voice when possible. Passive voice often lengthens a manuscript with additional, unnecessary verbiage. Use “The research team recovered the artifacts in 1988,” rather than “The artifacts were recovered by the research team in 1988.”

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One table or figure is allowed per manuscript. An acceptable table fits on half a page and is legible at that size. Submit the table in either MS Word or WordPerfect format.

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Deadlines

E-manuscripts must reach the Center for the Study of the First Americans (csfa@tamu.edu) by February 15, 2006. Since acceptance criteria include order of receipt, we strongly suggest you submit your manuscript as early as possible. If for some reason you cannot meet the February 15 deadline but would still like to submit an e-manuscript, please contact the editor (goebel@unr.edu).

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