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Editor's Notes

We are fortunate to have three excellent articles in this Newsletter. Betty Salzberg has provided a comparison and overview of the many Third Normal Form definitions to be found. This provides not only an easy to read comparison but can be used as a teaching tool in any introductory database class. Richard Snodgrass has compiled a complete and up to date bibliography and survey of current research in the area of Temporal Databases. I wish to thank Rick for his effort for I know a lot of time went in to preparing this survey. This is the sort of article which, I feel, is extremely appropriate for the *SIGMOD RECORD*. I encourage each of you to submit such survey articles in the future. The final article is one submitted by E. F. Codd concerning a new proposal for treatment of nulls in relational database theory. I think all readers will find this a very informative and thought provoking paper.

Even though this issue contains several good articles, I must still *beg* for more participation by you the reader. I'm still waiting for my first submission from industry and graduate students. Remember, the Newsletter is what YOU want it to be. Please consider submitting technical articles, literature surveys, book reviews, or any papers you feel would be of interest to the SIGMOD members. The deadline for submission to the next issue is February 1.

