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A few months ago, I requested the help of our readership in identifying trade press articles of potential interest to our audience. Several people contacted me with suggestions, and I am pleased to report that, thanks to their help, we were able to find two very interesting articles for reprinting in the current issue. I hope that anyone who finds either of these two articles helpful will in turn email me a pointer to other publications.

The first article is titled "Replication: DB2, Oracle, or Sybase?" by Doug Stacey. It originally appeared in Database Programming & Design in the December 1994 issue. The article explains the forces motivating companies to replicate their data, and then contrasts the approaches to this problem taken by various vendors. (By the way, if your favorite company seems to have been left out of this article please let me know of any other articles that do justice to your choice.) I would like to thank Ken Smith who originally made me aware of this article. I would also like to thank Gae Reck, an editor at DBP&D for her help in obtaining permission to reprint the article. For information regarding subscriptions to DBP&D please call (415) 358-9500. Please note that the following copyright notice applies to the DBP&D article we are reprinting.

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The second article reprinted in this issue is titled "The New Middleware" by Rich Finkelstein, which appeared in the February 1995 issue of DBMS. This article deals with a topic of great interest to many practitioners, i.e., the software layer between the O.S. and the user applications. In particular, the article surveys a number of products that help distributed data management, including data access in heterogeneous databases and client-server environments. I would like to thank Margie Templeton for pointing out this article to me. I am also indebted to Kathleen B. O'Connor, Managing Editor at DBMS, for her help in obtaining permission to reprint this article. Subscription information to DBMS may be obtained by phoning (800) 334-8152 in the U.S. and Canada, and (619) 745-2809 from all other countries. Please note that the following copyright notice applies to the DBMS article we are reprinting.

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I hope you find both articles of interest (and use).