Subject: RE: David Stern Leaves RSI Posted by Ron Syml on Wed, 19 Dec 2001 15:20:55 GMT

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- > ===== Original Message From david@dfanning.com =====
- > Folks,

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- > I just received public confirmation of rumors I have
- > been hearing this week that David Stern has finally
- > cashed in his chips and has left RSI.

"Cashing in his chips" is a good way of looking at this, after all, he already sold his sole.

This is yet another nail in the IDL coffin. IDL was never about making a profit to people like David; rather, it was about writing really cool scientific code. Long hours and late nights were the norm, not the exception and overtime pay was never even thought about. Gone are the days when IDL programmers wrote code on thier own just 'cause it was cool and fun. You can still find that original sentiment in a few of the regulars of this group and it abounds in Linux development circles. Alas, it seems all but gone from the core of RSI. It is a sad day. I no longer expect bug fixes and feature requests in days (sometimes hours)... I now simply pray they will make the next minor version toggle. Perhpas this is just evolution. There is, of course, life outside of software development.

David, goodbye and thanks for all the fish.

Ron
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