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Subject: Web Site Curator Needed

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Folks,

I am looking for someone who might find it fun, entertaining, interesting, or simply a learning experience to take over the care and feeding of Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming.

I'm retiring. No, really, this time I'm really retiring. :-)

I've been thinking about this for some time now. I've grown pretty cynical and this job is not as much fun as it used to be for me. I'm going to turn my creative energy in other directions. I hope to write more e-books, do more travel, spend more time in the mountains.

Having death touch the family this week is one reason. Publishing my first "real" book, even if no one wants to read it, is another. (Available on Amazon and other outlets momentarily.) I've taken on a larger role in the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, patrolling the wilderness trails near where I live. And I have been talking to a local science group about a larger role in a new tool development effort they are just getting started. This was a big IDL shop that has decided to do all their new tool development in Python. Since I'm pretty much headed that way myself, it seems like a no-brainer.

I leave with a few regrets. I burned too many bridges in my day. I wish I hadn't done that. I wish, once in a while, that I had been issued a diplomatic gene. But, this has been one hell of a lot of fun, too, and that's the part I am going to remember the rest of my life. This community, and this newsgroup in particular, was the best ever. I'm pretty sure it will never be surpassed. I've made many friends here and I will miss all of you, for sure.

I'll hang around for awhile, answering questions about Coyote Graphics if no one else can. But, I don't think I'll be writing IDL articles for my web page anymore, and I won't be paying attention to this newsgroup each and every minute of each and every day anymore either. :-)

My best wishes to all of you. It's been a grand time, and Coyote and I will be hoisting a couple of cold ones soon in your honor.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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