Summer 2019 Bent Caption Contest Results

Here we have a picture from the Summer 1991 issue that shows Secretary-Treasurer James D. Froula presenting a polished, engraved Bent paperweight to Patrick A. Toole, NY T ’60, senior vice president of IBM and eminent engineer initiate, during the NY Tau Chapter installation at SUNY Binghamton on March 16, 1991.

Results: First place - #1, Second place - #8, Tied for third place - #7, #10, and #14

1st 1. “By golly, you’re right! It does say ‘Made in China’.” James C. Hedtke, MN A ’69

2. “No, Pat, for the last time, those letters are NOT the Greek word for ‘think’!”

3. ”If we want to take a selfie, we press this button which makes the camera flip.”

4. “Hey Paddy, the IRA called; they said one of their bazooka’s is missing.”

5. “Dude! You guys better get with it; It says here that Apple is working on a smart computer called Dr. Watson.”

6. “My pager indicates your dues are in arrears by three years. Maybe next meeting your name tag will at least say, ‘Hi my name is Pat’.”

3rd 7. “If you look real close Pat, you can see we engraved your name in binary code!” William N. Pulyer, DE A ’90

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2nd 8. “James D Froula and Patrick A Toole geek out over the world’s smallest slide rule. ‘It even does logarithms,’ James points out. ‘Fascinating!’ exclaimed Patrick.” David M. Dummeyer, AZ A ’84

9. “James D Froula explains to Patrick A Toole how he uses tweezers to extract a splinter form his finger.”

3rd 10. “A minor incident occurred at last year’s convention when James D Froula used his trick pen to squirt black ink all over Patrick A Toole’s clean white shirt.” David M. Dummeyer, AZ A ’84

11. “If we adopt chip miniaturization technology, look what we can do to a slide rule.”

12. “Look very closely. After the flash, you won’t remember a thing about those aliens!”

13. “Hmm, let me see what my fortune cookie is telling me...”

3rd 14. “This is how you roll, er...I mean, solder a joint.” Yi-Hsien Doo, MI Z ’81

15. “Using the latest nano-technology, I have developed the world’s smallest slide rule!”

16. “Look what we can see when I tilt the pen.”

17. “It’s a new design of the emery board. As you can see, it’s polished yet makes my nails very smooth! “

18. “I accidentally bumped into a student’s nanotechnology experiment, and for the last week I’ve been trying to recover their research from under my fingernail.”

19. “This device is called a pen, and you can use it to inscribe your name on that blank pocket tag.”

20. “Did you know you can clean an iPhone with dental floss?”

21. “I made this fingernail file on the new 3D printer.”

22. “With this double-ended fingernail file I can clean both hands simultaneously.”

23. “Doesn’t look like it would hold a bridge, does it?”

24. “Huh! A bug, you say? Well I’ll be!”

25. “…and notice how the clip matches our pocket protectors.”

26. “Does it have a built in compass and level?”

27. “And if you position the Bent like this, it can be used as a personal self defense weapon.”

28. “I swear, this thing will make your hair black and luxurious like mine.”
29. "Ok, now put tab A into slot B…….."

30. “Just think, in 25 years we can roll and smoke legally.”

31. ”... and this is the place to push that wipes your identity clean, including your name tag. Remind me who you are again?”

32. "Tilt your head back like this to scroll down."

33. “They used to call this a mechanical ‘pencil’, and they used it to write on something they called ‘paper’.”

34. “With this object and the paper in your breast pocket, we can solve getting out of this locked room.”

35. "The inscription says 'Too small to read'."

36. “I would prefer a Tau Beta Pi T-shirt.”

37. "Next time I am wearing my bi-focals before I make a presentation."

38. "Sheesh! This cookie’s tiny red-ink fortune is, “Read the fine print!”

39. “A capella duet, Large Lens Leaders, tuning to concert E Major."

40. “Carrier pigeon scroll messaging – the original tweet!”

41. "Check out my new emery board technique!"

42. “Is that a #2 pencil or not? I need to make sure I’m following the instructions on this form correctly!”

43. “Look what I got in my happy meal!”

44. “And for my next trick, I’ll turn this polished paperweight into a table-levelling shim.”

45. " Brass or Bronze? Not sure, but either way they are kissing "cousins" : CuSn = bronze CuZn = Brass

46. "I found your missing flash drive."