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2. \$1,000 - Does Inflation Provide Natural Initial Conditions for the Universe? by Sean M. Carroll and Jennifer Chen, Enrico Fermi Institute, Department of Physics, and Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics, University of Chicago, 5640 S. Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637.
3. \$750 - Gravity from Local Lorentz Violation by V. Alan Kostelecký* and Robertus Potting⁺, *Physics Department, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405; ⁺CENTRA, Physics Department, FCT, Universidade do Algarve, 8000 Faro, Portugal.
4. \$500 - Gravity-Wave Detectors as Probes of Extra Dimensions by Chris Clarkson and Roy Maartens, Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation, University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth PO1 2EG, UK.
5. \$250 - Classical and Quantum General Relativity: A New Paradigm by Rodolfo Gambini* and Jorge Pullin⁺, *Instituto de Física, Facultad de Ciencias, Iguá 4225, esq. Mataojo, Montevideo, Uruguay; ⁺Department of Physics and Astronomy, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-4001.

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