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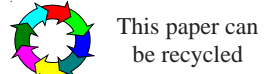
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## PHONY MATH

Man, we got a landslide of info for you this week. There's corruption in government of all phases to cover; from local-to-state-to-federal.

Check out AG Paxton and the goon squad coming for him. They ain't democrats!

And look at the Supreme Court. It makes you wonder what that term "Supreme" really means, doesn't it?

But with all that said, it's what Mayor Kirk Watson said during a run-down of the APD and DPS that has me miffed.

Watson keeps touting the response time to 911 calls as an effective tool of this collaboration. But what he doesn't tell you is that this so-called superb reaction time is due to the fact that the districts he's talking about were flooded with enforcement officers. So, hell yeah, they had a fast response time. You can do that when you got a cop on every street corner.

But what about the districts that weren't given the same attention? I'll tell you.

The response time in district one for a 911 call took over an hour. During that hour, multiple 911 calls were made for the same offense. Don't ask me how I know this, just trust me and take my word for it.

I didn't hear that stat mentioned during the council meeting, though.

See, now you understand how those stats showed a disproportionate average toward communities of color versus communities of non-color.

Instead of spreading this phony math to the public, and treating us like idiots, tell us what was really up.

Admit to the public why 9 out of 10 people arrested by the DPS were Black or Latino. What the hell were you really looking for?

Watson wasn't looking for violent criminals. This was more of a round up than anything else. And where are those DPS agents now? The border? Hmm. What you think they looking for down there?

The mayor and city council needs to knock off the B.S.!

Hire more police officers from our neighborhoods, give them raises, give them the proper tools, and above all; give us respect.

# The SCOTUS is bought and paid for!

By JAMES ROMOSER | POLITICO



John Roberts GOT OPERA TICKETS

Since joining the court in 2005, the chief justice has reported very few gifts. In fact, other than a couple "honorary memberships" at local clubs that he disclosed early in his tenure, the only items Roberts has ever reported receiving as gifts are two tickets to a "dinner and opera ball" at the Washington National Opera on June 5, 2009. He listed the value of the tickets as \$500.



Elena Kagan GOT A SIGNED BOOK BY FELIX FRANKFURTER

In her 13 years on the court, Kagan has disclosed just one gift: a signed first edition of *The Public and Its Government* by former Justice Felix Frankfurter in 2015. It was given to her by the University of Chicago Law School, and she reported the value as \$499.94.



Antonin Scalia GOT GUNS AND DICTIONARIES

Before his death in 2016, Scalia was well known for loving two things: hunting and textualism. So it's fitting, perhaps, that the conservative icon reported receiving two firearms and \$950 worth of dictionaries during his final years on the court. The firearms — a shotgun valued at \$1,000 and a rifle valued at \$600 — were given to him by the National Wild Turkey Federation. The dictionaries came from noted legal lexicographer Bryan Garner, who co-authored a book with Scalia.



Clarence Thomas GOT A BUST OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Thomas is under fire for not disclosing various benefits he received from Crow, the Texas real estate mogul and GOP megadonor who took Thomas on luxury trips, bought property from him and paid private school tuition for Thomas' great-nephew. But Thomas did report one gift from Crow in 2015. Crow gave Thomas a bronze bust of Frederick Douglass worth \$6,484.12.

A year earlier, when Thomas received an award from his alma mater, Yale Law School, he reported that the school gave him a \$530 "stained glass medallion resting in an oak base with a brass plaque."



Neil Gorsuch GOT COWBOY BOOTS, A FISHING ROD AND A PAINTING

Gorsuch, who hails from Colorado, has been celebrated for bringing a Western sensibility to a court dominated by East Coasters. And two of the gifts he's disclosed in his five years on the bench evoke the great outdoors. He received cowboy boots valued at \$699.99 from a Texas retailer in connection with a Texas Supreme Court Historical Society dinner, and he received a \$500 fishing rod from the owner of a Colorado bait-and-tackle shop.

Gorsuch also disclosed a \$1,000 watercolor painting, though unlike Sotomayor's three owls, Gorsuch didn't detail its subject matter.

time on the court so far. None of the justices' disclosure forms for 2022 have been released yet; those are expected next month.



Sonia Sotomayor GOT FINE ART

Sotomayor was confirmed to the high court in 2009, and in her first three years on the bench, she disclosed more gifts — and provided more details about them — than any of her colleagues. Since 2012, in contrast, she has reported almost no gifts. Some of the items she listed in her early years sound worthy of a modern art gallery. In 2011, she received a "translucent composite print," apparently by the California photographer Robert Weingarten, worth \$6,000. In 2010, she received an "Einstein sculpture," by the artist Robert Berks, worth \$1,500. And in 2009, she received a watercolor painting of three owls, worth \$1,125.



Samuel Alito GOT A SCULPTURE OF A HAND

Liberal critics of Alito, the author of the opinion overturning *Roe v. Wade*, have accused him of ruling with an iron fist. But Alito's desk is apparently adorned with something else: a bronze hand. He reported receiving a "bronze cast of hand" in 2016. The value is listed as \$3,000, and the source is listed as Bottega Mortet, a goldsmith in Rome, Italy.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg GOT A \$1 MILLION PRIZE, WHICH SHE REPORTED DONATING TO CHARITY

By far the largest gift that any justice has disclosed over the past two decades is a \$1 million prize that Ginsburg won in 2019, a year before she died. The Berggruen Institute, a California think tank founded by billionaire investor Nicolas Berggruen, awarded Ginsburg its annual prize for culture and philosophy. Ginsburg reported giving the money to unspecified charities.

Ginsburg also reported other valuable gifts that did not go to charity. In 2018, she amended a disclosure form to reflect her receipt of an opera costume, valued at \$4,500, from her non-singing performance in the Washington National Opera's production of "The Daughter of the Regiment." Ginsburg also once reported a gift bag worth \$2,500 that she received in connection with being named one of *Glamour* magazine's "Women of the Year."

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