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In announcing the award Wednesday, National Constitution Center CEO Jeffrey Rosen (/topics/jeffrey-rozen/)

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The medal comes with a \$100,000 cash prize. It's given annually by the Constitution Center to those who strive to secure liberty for people worldwide.

The Dalai Lama has lived in exile in India since a failed 1959 Tibetan uprising against Chinese rule. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.

He'll travel to Philadelphia (/topics/philadelphia/) for a ceremony Oct. 26, one month after Pope Francis visits the city.

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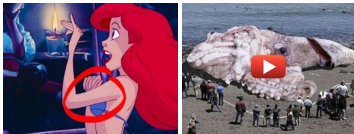
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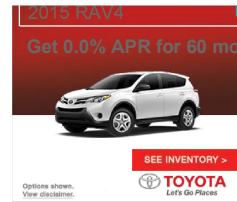
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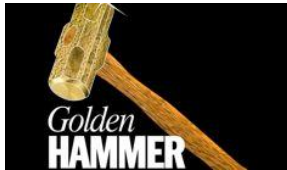
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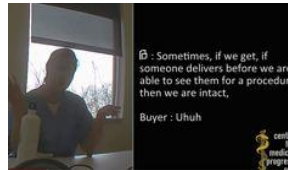
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