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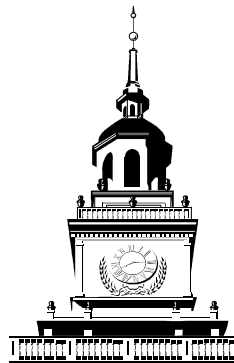
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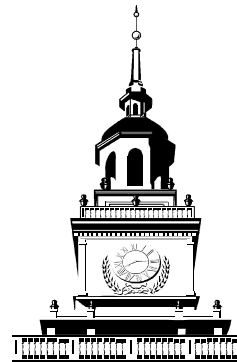
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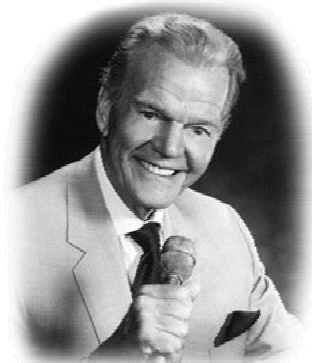
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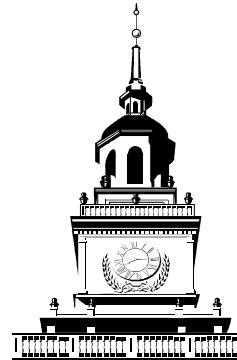
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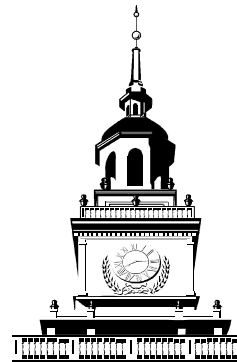
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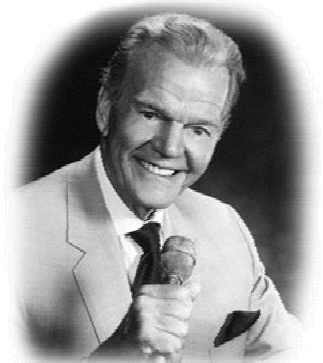
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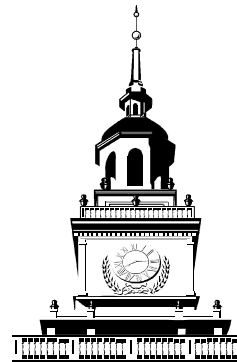
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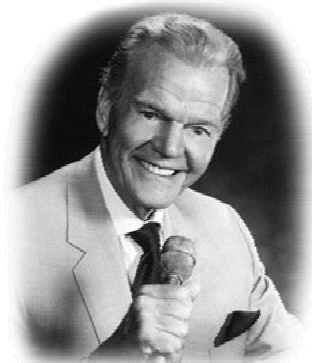
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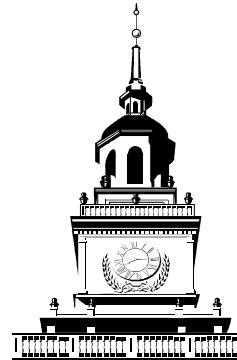
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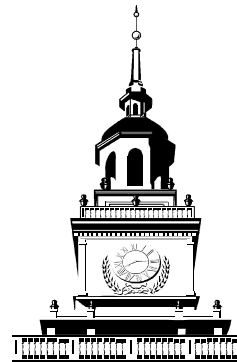
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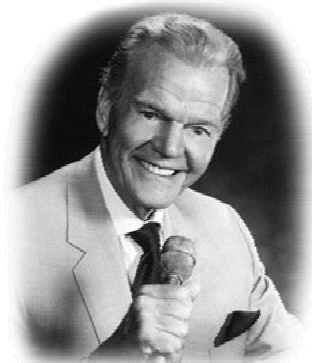
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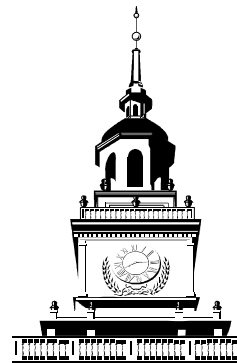
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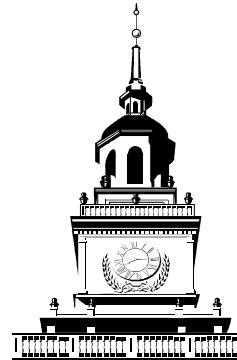
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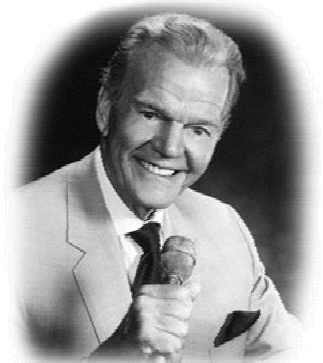
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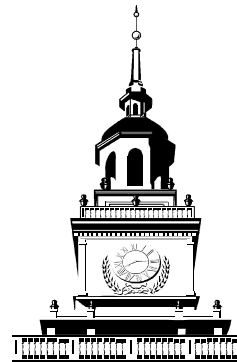
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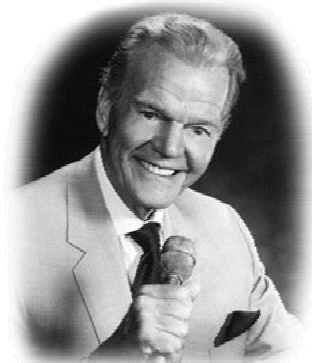
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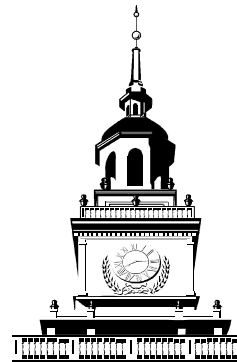
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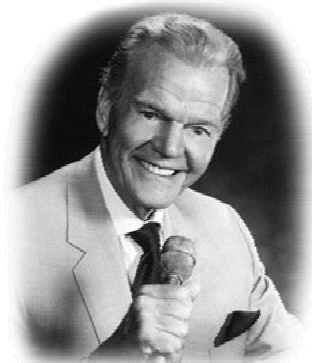
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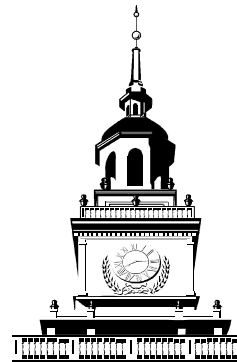
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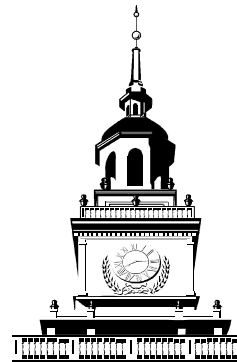
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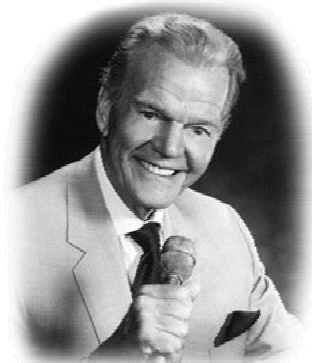
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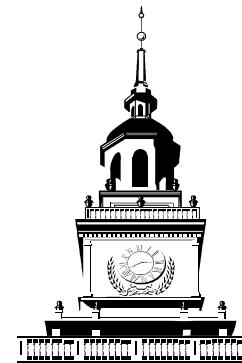
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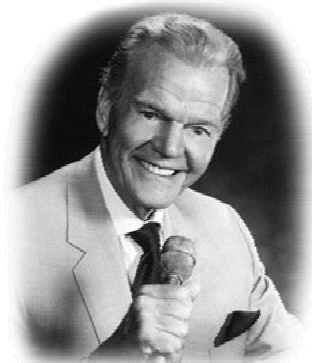
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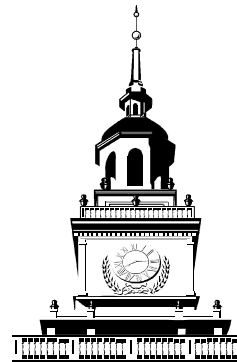
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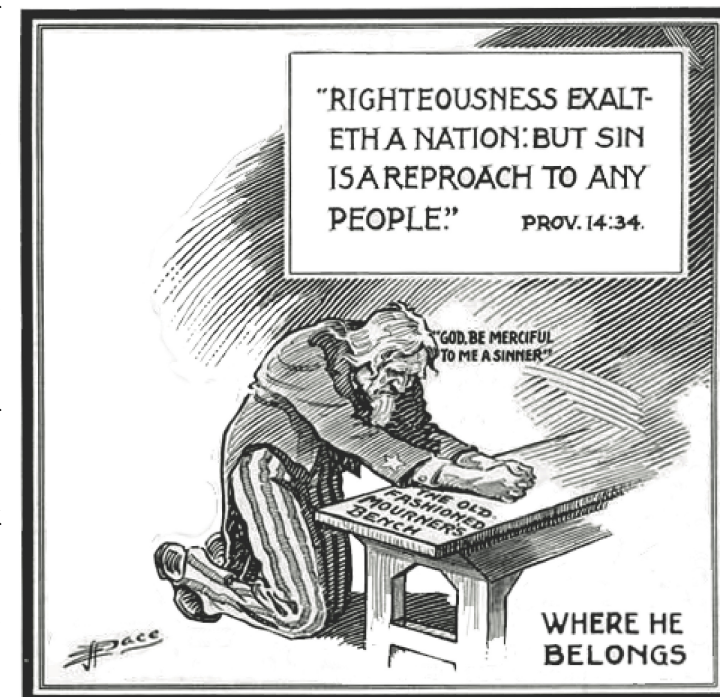
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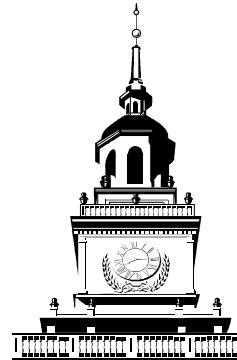
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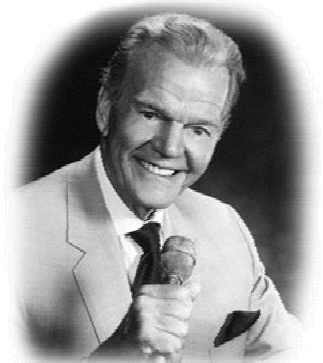
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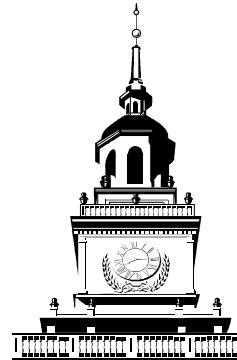
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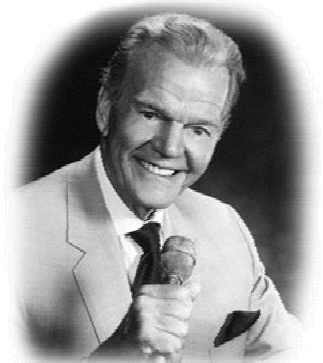
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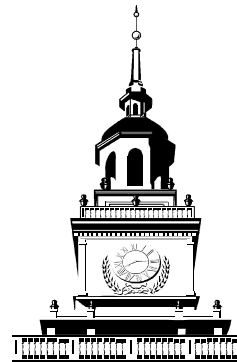
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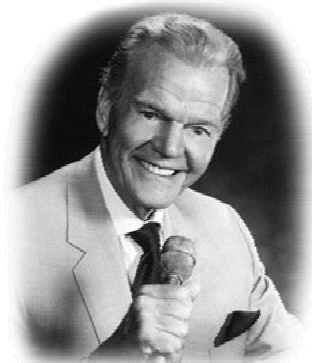
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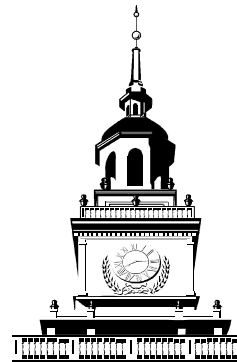
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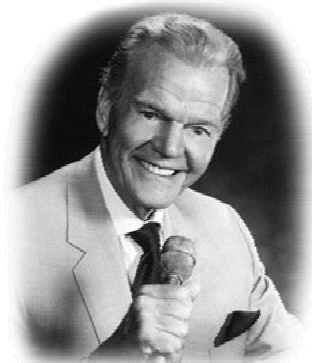
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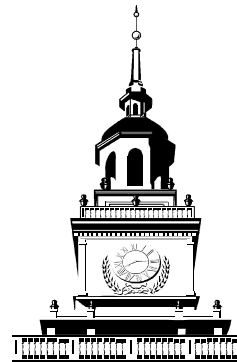
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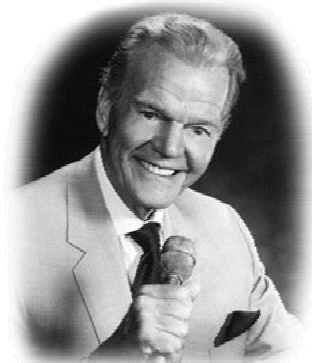
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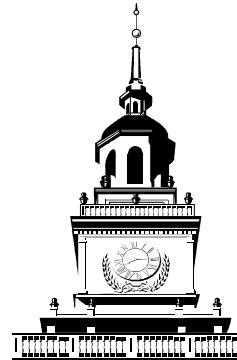
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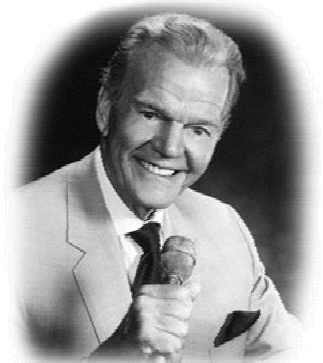
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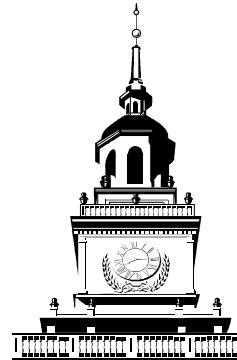
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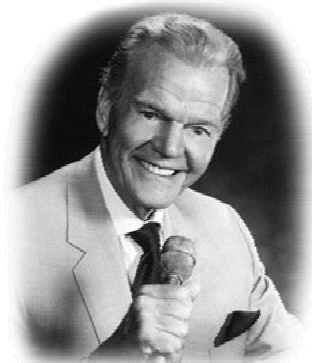
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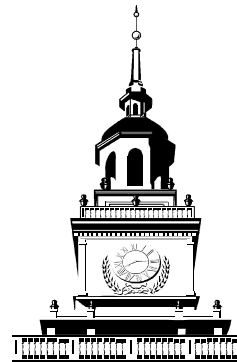
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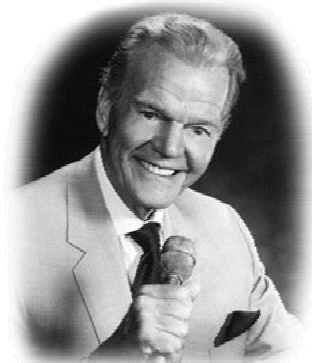
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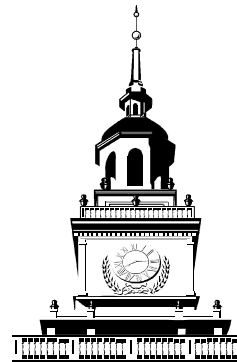
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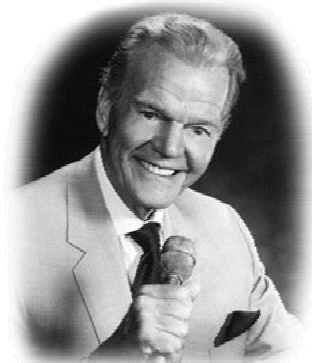
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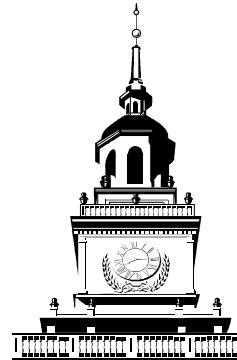
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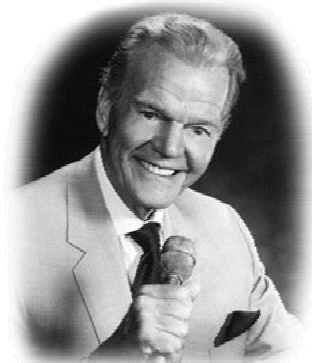
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Thomas Heyward, Jr., was captured when Charleston fell.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside while she was dying. Their thirteen children fled in all directions for their lives. His fields and gristmill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves and returned home after the war to find his wife dead, his children gone, his properties gone; he died a few weeks later of exhaustion and a broken heart.

Lewis Morris saw his land destroyed, his family scattered.

Philip Livingston died within a few months of hardships of the war.

John Hancock - history remembers best due to a quirk of fate rather than anything he stood for. That great, sweeping signature, attesting to his vanity, towers over the others. One of the wealthiest men in New England, he stood outside Boston one terrible night of the war and said, "*Burn Boston, though it makes John Hancock a beggar, if the public good requires it.*"

He, too, lived up to the pledge.

Of the fifty-six, few were long to survive.

Five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes... from Rhode Island to Charleston... sacked, looted, occupied by the enemy or burned. Two lost their sons in the army. One had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six died in the war from its hardships or from its more merciful bullets.

I don't know what impression you'd *had* had of these men who met that hot summer in Philadelphia, but I think it's important that we remember this about them.

They were not poor men. They were not wild-eyed pirates

These were men of means, these were rich men, most of them, who enjoyed much ease and luxury in personal living.

Not hungry men. Prosperous men. Wealthy land owners, substantially secure in their prosperity.

But they considered *liberty* - and this is as much I shall say - they had learned that **LIBERTY** is so much more important than security - that they pledged their lives... their fortunes... and their sacred honor.

And they fulfilled their pledge. They paid the price.

And Freedom Was Born. ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

● **FLORIDA GOVERNOR SIGNS LAW REQUIRING STUDENTS TO LEARN 'EVILS OF COMMUNISM'** - The following is excerpted from "DeSantis Signs Law," The Daily Wire, June 22, 2021:

"Republican Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed three bills into law Tuesday that boosted civics education in the public school system and specifically teaches students the horrors of communism. 'The sad reality is that only two in five Americans can correctly name the three branches of government, and more than a third of Americans cannot name any of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment,' DeSantis said. 'It is abundantly clear that we need to do a much better job of educating our students in civics to prepare them for the rest of their lives. The bill also expands our previous efforts in civics to add a requirement for the high school government class that students receive instruction on the evils of communism and totalitarian etiologies,' DeSantis said. 'We have a number of people in Florida, particularly southern Florida, who've escaped totalitarian regimes, who've escaped communist dictatorships to be able to come to America. We want all students to understand the difference, why would somebody flee across shark infested waters say, leaving from Cuba to come to southern Florida?'

The bills that DeSantis signed into law are the following: House Bill 5 requires the Florida Department of Education to create an integrated K-12 civic education curriculum that includes an understanding of citizens' shared rights and responsibilities under the Constitution and Bill of Rights. It further expands required instruction in high school to include a comparative discussion of political ideologies that conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy essential to the founding principles of the United States, such as communism and totalitarianism. ... Senate Bill 1108 requires state college and state university students to take both a civic literacy course and a civic literacy assessment as a graduation requirement, bridging civics education

between our high schools and postsecondary institutions." House Bill 233 prohibits the governing boards of colleges and universities from shielding "students, faculty, or staff at state universities from free speech protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution."

● **COVID DEATHS DOWN TO 300 PER DAY IN THE U.S., 99.2% ARE OF THE UNVACCINATED** - The following is excerpted from "Nearly all," Fox News, June 24, 2021:

"Nearly all COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. now are in people who weren't vaccinated, a staggering demonstration of how effective the shots have been and an indication that deaths per day--now down to under 300--could be practically zero if everyone eligible got the vaccine. An Associated Press analysis of available government data from May shows that 'breakthrough' infections in fully vaccinated people accounted for fewer than 1,200 of more than 853,000 COVID-19 hospitalizations. That's about 0.1%. And only about 150 of the more than 18,000 COVID-19 deaths in May were in fully vaccinated people. That translates to about 0.8%, or five deaths per day on average.

... And CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said on Tuesday that the vaccine is so effective that 'nearly every death, especially among adults, due to COVID-19, is, at this point, entirely preventable.' She called such deaths 'particularly tragic.' Deaths in the U.S. have plummeted from a peak of more than 3,400 per day on average in mid-January, one month into the vaccination drive. About 63% of all vaccine-eligible Americans--those 12 and older--have received at least one dose, and 53% are fully vaccinated, according to the CDC." ■

