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What Business Owners Need To Know

The Pandora Papers TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN HIDDEN ASSETS COLLECTIVELY "The report by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists brought promises of tax reform and demands for resignations and investigations, as well as explanations and denials from those targeted." **600** JOURNALISTS The leaked documents revealed that Chilean President Sebastián Piñera, one of the richest men in the **150 MEDIA OUTLETS** country, was using offshore companies in the British Virgin Islands to conduct business related to the **IN 117 COUNTRIES** Dominga mining project, which his family co-owned in part with a friend. U.K. former Prime Minister, Tony Blair, became the owner of an \$8.8 Million Victorian building in 2017 **A LARGER** by buying a British Virgin Islands company that held the property. Saving more than \$400,000 in AND EXPANSION ON property taxes, investigators found. THE PANAMA PAPERS ZUCKERBERG Facebook Whistleblower ACCUSED OF PUSHING FOR PROFITS DESPITE US lawmakers attacked Facebook (FB.O) on Tuesday, accusing CEO Mark Zuckerberg of pushing for USER SAFETY higher profits without concern for user safety. "Haugen, a former product manager on Facebook's civic misinformation team who has turned FACEBOOK whistleblower, said Facebook has sought to keep its operations confidential. 'Today, no regulator has WISHES TO KEEP ITS a menu of solutions for how to fix Facebook, because Facebook didn't want them to know enough **OPERATIONS** CONFIDENTIAL about what's causing the problems. Otherwise, there wouldn't have been need for a whistleblower,' she said." INCREASED The Journal's stories indicated that the company contributed to increasing polarization on the Internet when it changed its content algorithm. No steps have been taken to reduce doubts about vaccine POLARIZATION THROUGH MEDIA hesitancy; and was aware that Instagram is damaging the mental health of teenagers. J&J Ask for FDA COVID-19 Booster Authorization REQUEST FOR FDA APPROVAL **ON BOOSTERS** J&J said it had applied to the FDA booster approval for people 18 and older who had previously received the company's unique vaccine. While the company said it provided data on several different booster intervals ranging from two to six months, it did not officially recommend one to regulators. 81% While the J&J vaccine has shown an 81% effectiveness against hospitalizations in the U.S., the data EFFECTIVENESS, released last month showed that the booster provides 94% protection against moderate-to-severe 94% W/A BOOSTER COVID-19 infection over two months. "Additionally, regulators have added warnings of several rare side effects to the shot, including a 170 MILLION blood clot disorder and a neurological reaction called Guillain-Barré syndrome. In both cases, AMERICANS HAVE BEEN regulators decided the benefits of the shot still outweighed those uncommon risks."

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