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Paid $40 million for its work, company insists unemployment system’s collapse is not its fault.

By Lawrence Mower

The company was the lead designer of the unemployment system’s operations, according to the lawsuit. Deloitte Consulting principal John Hugill, a former Florida Department of Economic Opportunity official, said the state has yet to produce evidence that the contractor was responsible for any failures.

"We have had the privilege in the work we do," Hugill said. "And the state has not been able to demonstrate...the failures that they have alleged..." he added.

The lawsuit, filed in October, accuses the state of not following proper procedures in deciding who would be eligible for unemployment benefits. The state agency was exposed to "sudden and substantial" fraud, the lawsuit claims, when it failed to properly verify eligibility information.

"The government is so large, so complex, so prone to abuse," Hugill said. "They get overwhelmed and don’t have the resources to do the job properly."

In the interview, Harry and Meghan were candid in their description of an unfounded pe-

A sweet deal for sugar farmers?

Critics say bill would fall suits regarding cane-field burning, which sponsor denies.

By Zachary J. Sampson

When sugar farmers burn the cane fields near their homes, as Debra Hugill, a principal of Deloitte Consulting who worked on CON- NECT from 2011 to 2015, when Deloitte was looking at the system, they knew they would have to deal with the issue.

"We’ve got the proof in the work we did in the project," said John Hugill, a principal at Deloitte Consulting who worked on CON- NECT. "They had this knowledge that we had the proof in the work that we did in the project."}

**CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**Masks off, with care**

Federal health officials say small indoor gatherings are safe for fully vaccinated people as the U.S. is “starting to turn a corner.”

By Chris McGowan

WASHINGTON — Americans can visit with others in small indoor gatherings, without masks or social distancing, if they’ve been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday.

"We are starting to turn a corner," Walensky said. More than 21 million Americans have been fully vaccinated, and 10 million have received at least one dose. President Biden has said there will be enough vaccine available by the middle of May to vaccinate every American adult.

The guidance is designed to address a growing demand among adults who have been getting vaccinated and wondering if it gives them greater freedom to visit family members, travel, or other things like that, before the COVID-19 pandemic will be over.

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