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The Rise of Virtual Services: A COVID-19 Silver Lining

The COVID-19 global pandemic has brought communities and economies to their knees. Even if you've been lucky enough to not be impacted personally, your life has likely transformed in the last three months. And it's unlikely to go back to the way it was anytime soon. We're seeing a "new normal" emerge that is changing the way we think about going into the office, enjoying a night out, sending our children to school, or even going out to the park.

But there may be a silver lining in all this. The rapid rise of virtual services that's come about because of the pandemic may be increasing access to people who are injured or disabled. We may be entering an era of better universal access to our legal system.

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Transforming In-Person Meetings

When you've been seriously injured—or even temporarily or permanently disabled—by a car or other accident, even simple outings to meet with your legal team can be challenging. It may even mean the difference between seeking legal help and going it alone. The international health crisis we're facing has fast-tracked the development of virtual solutions for everything from education to entertainment.

Virtual Legal Services

During the COVID-19 pandemic, industries have had to adapt quickly—not to say almost overnight—to virtual business. Industries from education to medicine has been affected. This may be an unforeseen benefit to people who've confronted access problems in the past. In-person meetings may be a thing of the past which means that those who can't travel—the disabled or injured—have genuinely equal access to legal services. Issues like privacy, confidentiality, and other legal considerations are already being examined to ensure that clients enjoy the same legal protections that they would in an in-person meeting. Clients looking for virtual access should ask their lawyer what confidentiality measures they have in place for virtual meetings.

Our Virtual Services

At the McCraw Law Group, we've quickly adapted our services to the COVID-19 era. We can open cases remotely with clients who have been injured, conduct client interviews remotely, and e-sign documents. We can even perform meetings with minimum social contact if warranted. As a company, we've successfully shifted our business to remote work.

Virtual Courtroom

Beyond the law office, other practices are also changing that could be a surprisingly positive outcome from the COVID-19 pandemic. Courtrooms across the country have been moving hearings to Zoom and other virtual platforms. In fact, Texas courts have held more than 10,000 such meetings in the first month of the pandemic. This is virtually erasing barriers to entry to the legal system such as travel and courtroom access—typical obstacles that keep the disabled and injured from participating.

The COVID-19 crisis may indeed have a silver lining—expanded access to legal services.

If you have been injured in an accident and are unsure what could be compensated, contact [The McCraw Law Group](#). We can help by explaining your options.

From the desk of **Lin McCraw**



As I write this, we are at a grim milestone, 100,000 dead since March from the pandemic. I, like most of you, am sick and tired of not being able to go and do without thinking about the virus. I have friends and family that run the entire political spectrum concerning how to approach the pandemic. Some want to ignore it and party on—consequences be damned. Others want to bury themselves behind a virus shield and not emerge until a vaccine or cure is found even if they and their family members are low risk. Still others, hopefully a majority, want to be careful in their interactions, but realize that interactions must occur and should occur as safely as possible as we race to find a vaccine. I am in this later group.

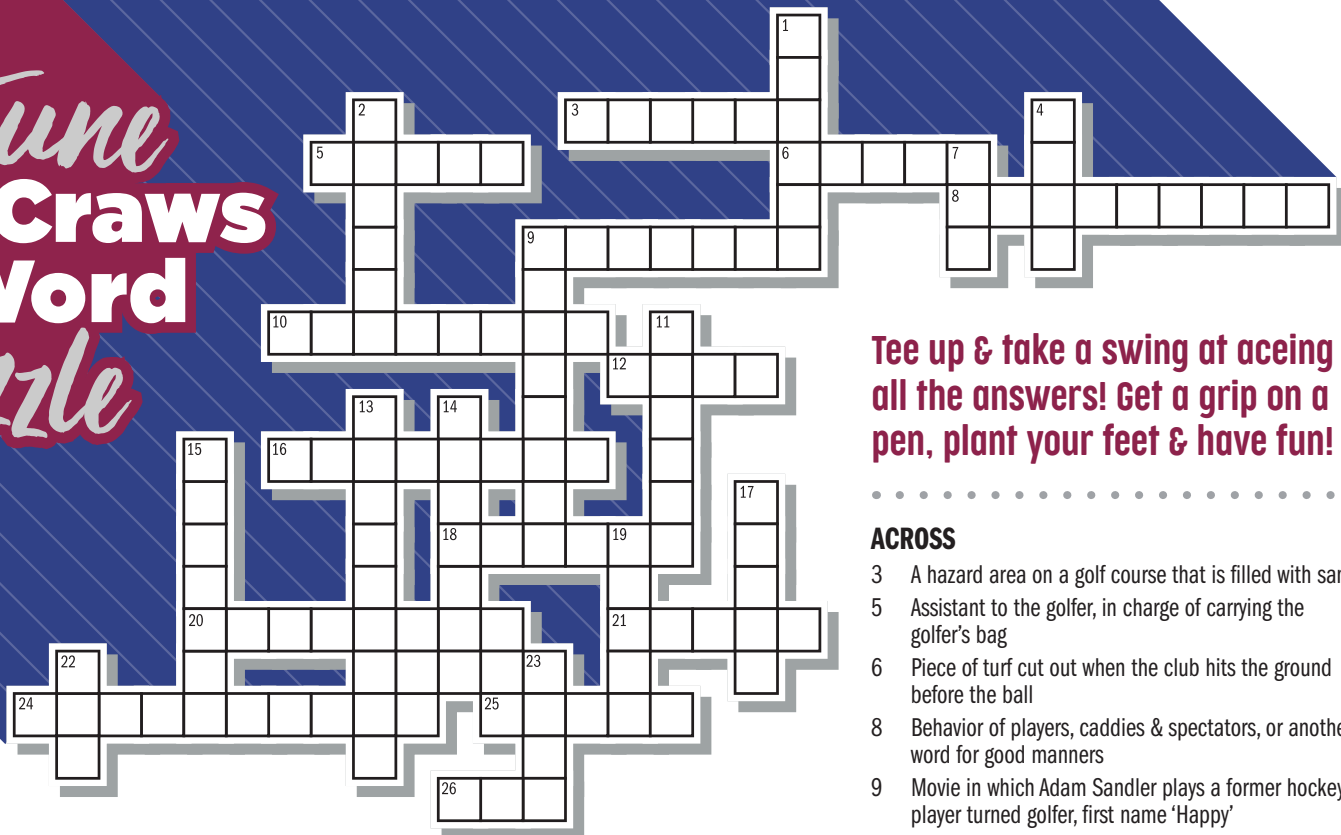
It breaks my heart to see folks treating a virus as if it is a political virus. This stuff can get you if you are Republican or Democrat, old or young, healthy or with pre-existing

conditions. The virus does not care which is why we should care. Give each other space so that the other person will not feel threatened. If you may be in congested areas, wear a mask when in the congested areas. For goodness sake, do not shame, pressure or bully someone just because they are wearing a mask. While I understand that some are not wearing masks as a political statement, most folks choosing to wear them in crowded areas are not making a political statement, they are simply following medical guidelines to reduce the spread of the virus. I for one have started wearing a mask when in close contact with others not because I am afraid of getting the virus; but rather because I know that if I happen to have the virus I can cut the chances of me giving it to another by 70 percent just by something as simple as a piece of cloth limiting the droplet spread. Remember, that the person under the mask may be thinking of you by wearing it. (more on next page →)

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June McCraws Word Puzzle



Tee up & take a swing at aceing all the answers! Get a grip on a pen, plant your feet & have fun!

ACROSS

- 3 A hazard area on a golf course that is filled with sand
- 5 Assistant to the golfer, in charge of carrying the golfer's bag
- 6 Piece of turf cut out when the club hits the ground before the ball
- 8 Behavior of players, caddies & spectators, or another word for good manners
- 9 Movie in which Adam Sandler plays a former hockey player turned golfer, first name 'Happy'
- 10 A foursome playing for charity and the best shot is selected
- 12 Slang for poorly missed shot
- 16 An extra shot allowed in golf or a type of stew
- 18 A type of club used for short shots, or what you do around the house when you have nothing to do
- 20 Standard round of golf consists of this many holes
- 21 Shortest grass on a golf course and is the color of grass
- 24 Golf movie with a dancing gopher & stars Chevy Chase
- 25 What is one stroke more than par & nickname of an actor who's first name was Humphrey
- 26 Synonym for hole-in-one & part of a deck of cards

DOWN

- 1 One stroke less than par, or a baby creature that flies
- 2 Pro golfer who has a 'hard' lemonade named after him
- 4 Technique of holding the golf club
- 7 Stand that supports a golf ball, comes after 'S'
- 9 Best way to get to the next hole if you don't want to walk
- 11 Golfers under the age of 18
- 13 A pole with a flag at the top indicating the number of the hole of the green
- 14 Small, round indentations on a golf ball's surface or on someone's face
- 15 Place where a group of spectators watch the competition, or a place where art is displayed
- 17 Pro golfer & animal with stripes
- 19 What is 2 strokes less than par, also an endangered species
- 22 Number of strokes a golfer is expected to make on a hole
- 23 A loud warning shouted when a ball may hit other players, comes after '3'



McCraw Milestones

We'd like to wish a **Happy Work Anniversary** to Vanessa (left) and a **Happy Birthday** to Charlie (right)! So happy to have you both on the team at **The McCraw Law Group!!**



As we start the summer, please continue to consider the other person. Give them space. Remember those who are shut in with pre-existing conditions. A kind word, visiting across the lawn, buying and sharing a few extra things when at the grocery store all provide material help and tells the other person that they matter and that you care.

Next month, the McCraw Law Group is going to be sponsoring Direction 61.3 annual golf tournament to help young people aging out of foster care as they transition into adulthood. These young folks need your help today. Join our firm in helping those most at risk in our community by participating in the golf tournament or by simply making a donation. Please sign up for the tournament today! It is time to show the world who we really are as a people; a caring, compassionate and hard-working people. There is plenty of room to maintain distance on the golf course; and I know that after quarantining, most of us really need the exercise that a day on the links can provide. Be careful out there, look out for the other person, and help our firm help aging out foster kids in our community.

~ Lin McCraw



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DIRECTION 61:3
Aging out Foster Youth Thriving as Adults

The McCraw Law Group is proud to sponsor Tee Up For Foster Youth for the second annual year! Direction61:3, a local organization out of McKinney, TX, will once again be hosting this North Texas golf classic. Direction61:3 helps foster youth to transfer into society as a successful adult. They provide physical, emotional, and educational support among aging out children.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, there is concern that there is a significant increase in the number of youth that have been "sheltered in" these past few months with their abuser.

Direction61:3 and the team at The McCraw Law Group want to do everything they can to raise awareness and financial support to help children who may be experiencing hardship during these transitional moments in life.

Please join us on July 7, 2020 at 1:30 pm for a Golf Classic to help support these children into adulthood. The event will take place at StoneBridge Ranch Hills Course located at 5901 Glen Oaks Drive McKinney, TX 75070, and you can register here. If you are unable to attend, but would like to help these children, please consider donating to Direction61:3.

For more information, please visit:

<https://mccrawlawgroup.com/tee-up-for-foster-youth/>