

The Folsom Cohens™ are all doing well and hope the same for you.

Oh what fun

Olivia (19) is in her sophomore year as a biology major at UC Santa Cruz, breezing through all the required science classes such as Organic Chemistry (ick). She spent the summer teaching children how to swim at the local pool and had many funny stories to tell about the undisciplined youth of Folsom. We enjoyed having her home for Thanksgiving with her delightful, fun roommate, Joey. They apparently get on very well, despite sharing a teeny-tiny room on-campus in "The Village" consisting of a dozen 10-room cabins with the look and feel of a summer camp colony, each with shared kitchen, bath and divergent standards of cleanliness: a mini-commune with no rules. We keep offering ideas on how to deal with some of their inconsiderate comrades but they choose to use their own, more diplomatic methods. Olivia works in the Bio Lab and campus cafeteria.

Sophie (23) moved to Madrid this year to teach English. While living on a shoestring, she's able to enjoy the local lifestyle, sites and history along with visiting further destinations including Switzerland, Milan and Lake Como, and most recently to Prague with her boyfriend, Will. Aside from easy fun, Sophie speaks of the deeper experience of being immersed in their culture, the student body and faculty all amidst the oldest school in the city. Betsy and Gregg look forward to visiting her in the spring.

Betsy still has her federal job, barely, despite Trump's govt reorg. Now she commutes 25 miles daily after years working happily from home, for really no good reason. She visited sister Peggy and Jayme in their beautiful hill home above Portland for her 60th b-day. We are very sad to have lost Cathy's husband, Mike, this year very unexpectedly. Mike was a devoted husband, loved animals and playing darts with friends.

Alex (26) is in Riverside CA in grad school. He recently made his 1st car purchase and is enjoying the AC, the Willie Nelson CDs left in the stereo and mobility to escape the desert heat to the beach with friends. Alex continues his math studies at UCR having earned a MS and now closing in on his PhD.

Gregg recovered so well from his new ACL surgery in Feb he celebrated by buying a Mazda MX-5 hardtop in May (while Betsy was away) as a practical mild mid-life crisis car option. He says the car is perfect—shifting, zipping around town, feels like racing but never reaching over 50 mph. He and Betsy enjoyed visiting Olivia in Santa Cruz, and Sophie in San Luis Obispo, then a family Airbnb rental in Bodega Bay, a fantastic reprieve from the Sacto heat wave. Gregg is still sorely missing his best friend since grade school, John, who passed away last year.

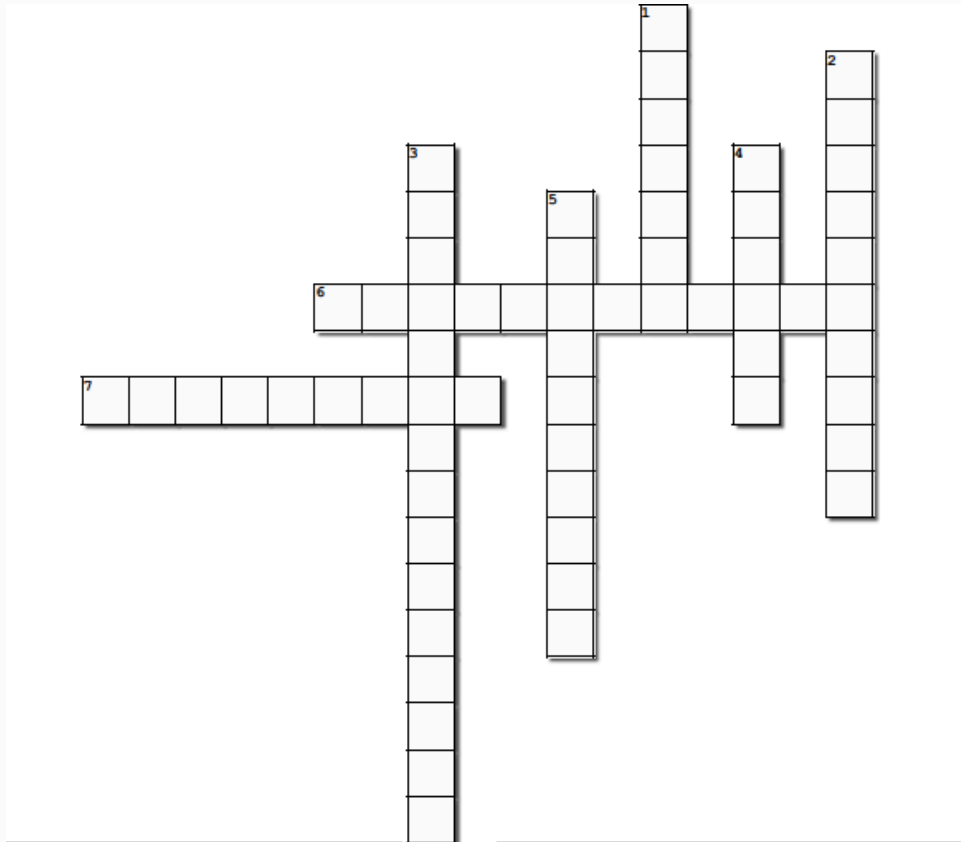
All the best to you and your families,

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◆ DaCohen's™ ◆ Crossword Challenge ◆ 2026

(Answers at the bottom of the page)



Down

1. Alex didn't enjoy this common SoCal beach phenomena
2. Betsy enjoyed this past-time in 2025 which she learned from her parents during the Viet Nam war in the 1970's
3. Gregg enjoyed this rejuvenating activity all year
4. Sophie enjoyed this physical activity in the Pyrenees Mts
5. Sophie teaches in the town of this classic windmill story.

Across

6. The Cohens enjoyed this meal in Bodega Bay
7. Olivia still watches this favorite show starring Steve Carell

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Down: 1. Traffic 2. Protesting 3. Physical Therapy 4. Hiking 5. Don Quixote
Across: 6. Fish and chips 7. The Office