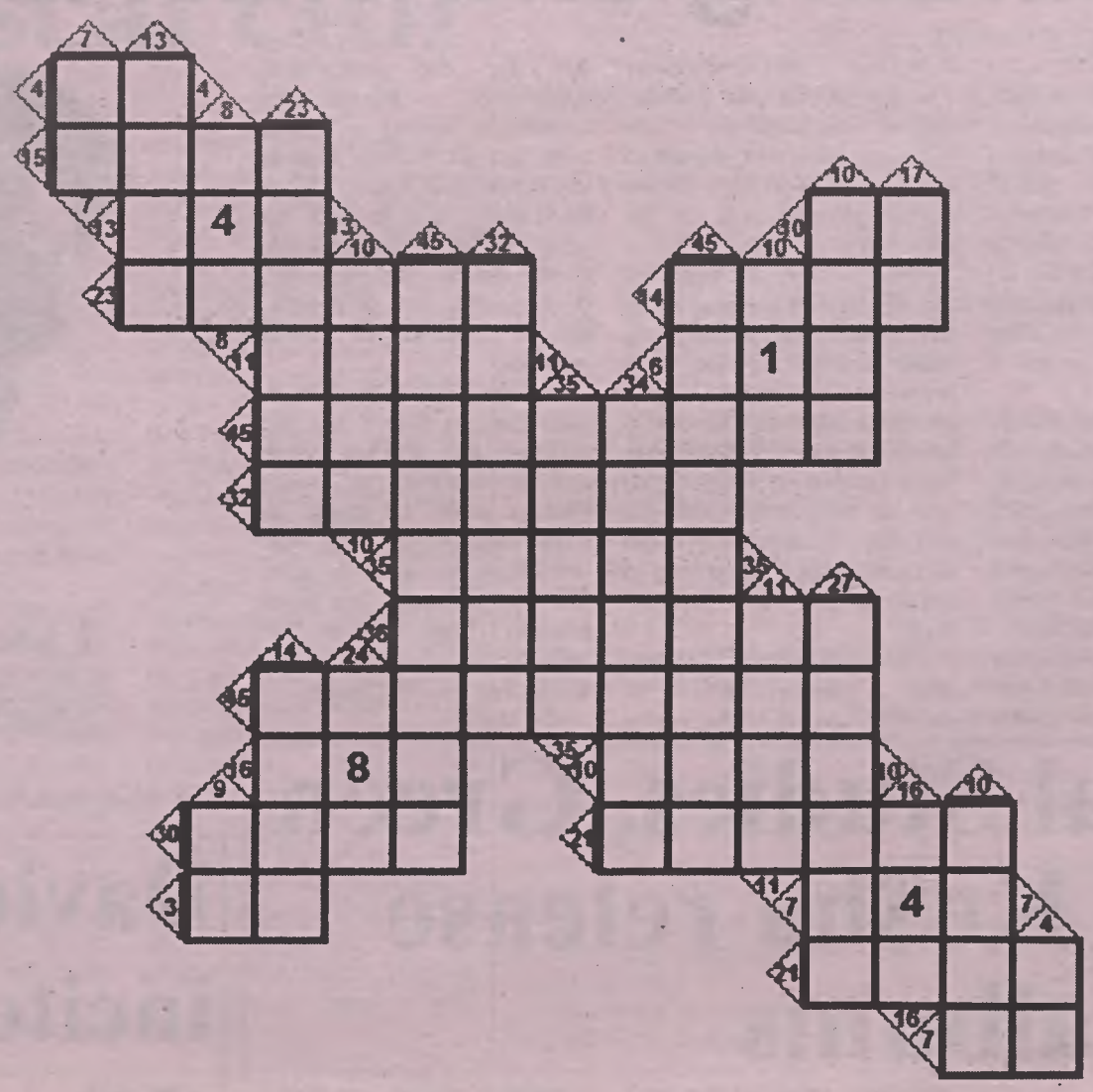
Karuko Puzzle

By: Jacob Dixon

Karuko puzzles are a mix of crossword and Sudoku Puzzles. Each block contains a number, 1-9. The same digit is not repeated in a row or column, and the clue given is the sum of the digits in a row or column.



Semi--What's the Big Deal?

By: Su Cho

During the months before semi, many ladies were asked out to the semi-formal in cute, creative ways. It seemed important to many of the guys to bring a date. But, why?

At some schools, having a date to a dance was never a big deal. Even for prom, most students would either not have dates or just go with a big group of friends. However, at other schools, if someone didn't have a date, they were encouraged to not even attend.

It seems that "asking someone to semi" is a big part of the experience for both the guy and the girl. It is an adorable and exciting moment where the guy gets to see his elaborate, intricate plan of action unfold.

Even though no guys asked in the perfect way... with a semi truck, there were many guys who stepped up, delivering imaginative, sweet "asks".

"I laced Christmas lights into a sign the extended before last and had it set up between my car and hers in the parking lost where the bus drops us off, so it lit up as we were driving into the parking lot. I wanted something that was bright and fun, but not a huge deal. I liked the unexpectedness of the situation as well," said junior Simon Wolf.

"I had a bunch of people standing by Watts lawn in a formation that spelled out 'semi', and when she was brought up to third Watts, everyone held up their phones so the light spelled out semi. I don't know why I asked that way, I like to try to be creative!" said senior Soham Amin.

"I asked her to semi by spelling out, "Mary Lynn... SEMI?" in post–its along the Watts/Greynolds tunnels. I just so happened to have about twenty stacks of post-its and a few great friends that were wiling to help," said junior Isaiah Bryant. "It took an hour and a half to spell it all out with four people. It was definitely worth the added effort and it was really amazing to see the finished product."

However, it was obvious that it was not at all necessary to have a date to semi. Honestly, it was not even essential in order to have a fun time. People had just as much fun, dancing the night away with a group of friends instead of with a date.

Besides, everyone knew that the best part of semi-formal was when Dr. Miller read "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". Students temporarily forgot about the various woes of second trimester and relived those nostalgic storytime days in Kindergarten. Only here, it was so much better.

Additionally, the dance was probably the students' last semi-formal until the apocalypse, so hopefully everyone enjoyed him or herself and had fun, dateless or not.

***Harish Pudukodu wears** the Sorting Hat at the Harry Potter-themed semi-formal*

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