

Heads Up!

Use the spread below to develop a headline and subhead to go in the box to the left of the feature story. Read the feature story (reproduced below), to help with your brainstorming.

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Defining moments

- Back in 1967, Mulick had homecoming only and the service took place in the Hall of Fame.
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The King Nominations

- Nathan Reed
- Harrison Lin
- Jack Mulick
- Nolan Mizushima
- Harrison Perkins

The Queen Nominations

- Grace Gilber
- Mary Landry
- Alie Cook
- Payton Scott
- Gabby Youngblood



Under the vibrant green lights, senior Danny McInerney (left) crowd surfs at the homecoming dance, held for the first time at 7 For Parties, a new venue. Pumped and hyped for their homecoming game versus Crosby, the Lion football players, flanked by the cheerleaders (below), storm on to the field.



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48 hours | Two days of homecoming festivities are a fall tradition here. Pop rallies, the football game, spirit party and, of course, the dance all make for an unforgettable Homecoming weekend.



homecoming night schedule

5 p.m.	Pick up date
5:30 p.m.	Posters with group
7 p.m.	Dinner
8:30 p.m.	Arrive at dance
11 p.m.	Court announced to midnight. Dance concludes

STUDENT COUNCIL worked really hard to make this Homecoming special and judging by the reaction, it really was successful. — **CHARLIE GOLDEN**, PRESIDENT, STUDENT COUNCIL

- 1 Homecoming King Jack Mulick and Queen Payton Scott perform the classic king and queen dance after the announcement of the winners.
- 2 It wasn’t the crown job, but on the dance floor for the king and queen, senior Matt Mahoney searches for water after dancing for hours.



Senior David Bentley crowd surfs off his school spirit at the annual Homecoming pep rally.



After being inducted into the Lions Football Hall of Fame, senior Zach Pagan smiles at the crowd after hearing his name called.



Senior Superfan Jack Mulick assumes the role of MC for the crowd after hearing his name called.



Known for its moonwalking and brandishing the Lion mascot dancers for the student body at the Homecoming pep rally.

As the head Spin, senior Tommy Jolly leads the cheerleaders on a victory lap around the gym to celebrate the crowd.

St. Mark's School of Texas [TX]

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Heads up! (cont.)

Most readers look at headlines before any other text on a spread. An effective headline should hook readers' interest, guide them into the verbal-visual story and tell them what the story is about. In the boxes below, brainstorm at least two key words that describe and relate to the content of a spread in your book. Looking at the photos and reading (or re-reading) the story often helps with word selection. After the key words are selected and filled in on the chart below, look online or use a print dictionary, a rhyming dictionary, idiom dictionary and thesaurus to generate words that utilize these literary devices: rhyme, synonym, alliteration and cliché/pun.

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Write	Sight Right Light	Draft Compose Inscribe	Wrong Word Wild	Write On! Write is Might Write and Wrong

Brainstorm headlines:

Rhyme: A Tight Write: In English 11, students learn that fewer words are often better.

Synonym/Alliteration: Deft Drafters: In English 11, students learn that fewer words are often better.

Alliteration: Writers use Mrs. Ragner's Rules: In English 11, students learn that fewer words are often better.

Cliche/Pun: Write On! In English 11, students learn that fewer words are often better.

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