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Main Idea Headlines

Directions: Read each news excerpt carefully. Think about the **central idea** of the excerpt. Write a **newspaper-style headline** (short, clear, attention-grabbing) that captures the central idea. Remember: Headlines don't include every detail; they summarize the big idea.

Excerpt 1: *Community Garden Blooms*

A once-empty lot in downtown Riverbend has been transformed into a thriving community garden. Residents of all ages worked together to plant vegetables, flowers, and fruit trees. The project not only provides fresh food but also brings neighbors together in a shared space. City officials say they hope this garden will inspire other neighborhoods to start similar projects.

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Excerpt 2: *School Launches Robotics Team*

Students at Jefferson Middle School are buzzing with excitement after forming their first-ever robotics team. With guidance from science teachers and local engineers, the team has already built a functioning robot. They plan to compete in a regional tournament next month. Parents and educators believe the program will encourage students to pursue careers in technology and engineering.

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Excerpt 3: *Storm Strikes Coastal Town*

A powerful storm hit the coastal town of Bayview late last night, knocking out electricity for thousands of residents. Emergency crews worked through the night to restore power and clear fallen trees. Although no one was seriously injured, several homes were damaged by flooding. Town officials warn residents to prepare for more severe weather in the coming weeks.

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