**News or Not News?**

Read each event below. If you think the event is a good example of news, in the NEWS box write why you think it is news or what makes it newsworthy to you. If you do not think it is news, in the NOT NEWS box, suggest something that might make it newsworthy (a new fact or detail).

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|  | **NEWS**  Why is it newsworthy? | **NOT NEWS**  What could make it newsworthy? |
| It rains for five days straight in May. |  |  |
| The federal government shuts down at midnight after Congress fails to approve a federal budget. |  |  |
| Several old buildings near downtown are being demolished. |  |  |
| A senior is absent from school for the first time since kindergarten. |  |  |
| The star point guard cannot play basketball this year because of poor grades. |  |  |
| A student is absent from school for a week. |  |  |
| A former Disney Channel star is caught by paparazzi drinking and twerking at a nightclub. |  |  |
| The football team loses its seventh consecutive game. |  |  |
| A former student publishes her first novel. |  |  |