

Newsquiz - Week of December 18

Rewinding the News -- It was a year when people, places and even a planet made the news. Each of the sentences below describes someone or something that was a newsmaker in 2006. Fill in your answer for each in the space provided.

1. This American journalist was kidnapped in Iraq and held for nearly three months.
2. He is the former dictator of Iraq who was convicted of crimes against humanity and has been sentenced to death.
3. This country announced that it had conducted an illegal nuclear test and is now under U.N. sanctions.
4. Known as "The Crocodile Hunter," this naturalist died after being attacked by a stingray.
5. Scientists demoted this member of the solar system to "dwarf planet" status.
6. This caused an outbreak of illness traced to contaminated spinach.
7. This political party took control of both the U.S. House and Senate in November's midterm elections.
8. This is one of two named storms that made landfall in the U.S. this hurricane season.
9. Twelve coal miners died in an accident in the Sago Mine in this state.
10. He was sworn in as the newest Supreme Court justice, replacing Sandra Day O'Connor.