

# Broad View discussion topics for February 16, 2013

## 1 Pope Benedict XVI to resign #

*Pope Benedict XVI is to resign at the end of this month after nearly eight years as the head of the Catholic Church, saying he is too old to continue at the age of 85. The unexpected development [is] the first papal resignation in nearly 600 years...*

## 2 Christopher Dorner reign of terror ends # #

*The scorched body found inside the burned-out cabin near Big Bear Lake where law enforcement officers were caught in a deadly shootout this week has been positively identified as that of Christopher J. Dorner, the authorities announced on Thursday.*

## 3 Broken down cruise ship - "floating petri dish" # #

*An engine fire on Sunday left the 14-story-high ship without power. Many toilets weren't working, passengers told relatives and reporters by cellphone, and food was scarce. ...the misery of the more than 4,000 people aboard persisted.*

## 4 Russian meteorite injures about one thousand people #

*Some feared a plane was about to fall out of the sky while others thought the world was ending. In fact, it was a meteor streaking across the sky before exploding in a fireball brighter than the sun.*

## 5 Former San Diego mayor won and lost \$1 million playing video poker #

*A former mayor of San Diego spent the last decade wagering more than a billion dollars at casinos across the country, eventually liquidating her savings, auctioning her belongings... borrowing from friends and taking more than \$2 million from a charity...*

## 6 Chubby Checker suing Hewlett-Packard #

*Rock 'n' roll icon Chubby Checker's lawyers have filed a multi-million dollar lawsuit against bosses at technology giant Hewlett-Packard over a software application that estimates the size of a man's penis based on his shoe size.*

## Nevada - State & local news

### 1 Steven Brooks arrested again

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*Troubled Assemblyman Steven Brooks was arrested early Sunday in Las Vegas on suspicion of physically attacking a family member, then grabbing for an officer's weapon.*

### 2 Bill before Assembly would outlaw texting while walking across road

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*A bill before the Nevada Assembly would make it illegal for pedestrians to read, browse the internet or enter data with hand-held devices while crossing highways in the state.*

## Michigan - State & local news

### 1 Michigan lawyer disappears - car found in Missouri forest

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*Instead of returning home, authorities on Thursday, Feb. 14, found his 2005 Chevy Malibu almost 600 miles away in a wooded area off a forest service road near Van Buren, Mo., in Carter County.*

### 2 Ruling reinforces need for marijuana dispensary legislation

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*The real losers in the recent ruling are the patients. All this has done is created even more confusion to an already complicated and complex system. Many patients rely on dispensaries for safe access to medicine...*

## Sports

### 1 Olympics eliminating wrestling events

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*When the IOC, following an executive board meeting Tuesday in Switzerland, made its shocking announcement, undoubtedly it was thinking of wrestling as a nameless, faceless — and, more to the point, decidedly unsexy — sport...*