

Los Angeles Times

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/homeentertainment/la-me-spector21-2008oct21,0,6837679.story>

From the Los Angeles Times

### Who Has the WORST Teeth?

We often underestimate the importance of having a brighter smile. Aside from your eyes, which **first impression...**

[Click here for 3 Tips for Whiter Teeth!](#)



## Testimony on misogynistic comments will be part of Phil Spector murder retrial

The judge in the case rules that the jury can hear from a retired police officer concerning a confrontation at Joan Rivers' home in the early 1990s. Questioning of prospective jurors begins.

By Harriet Ryan

October 21, 2008

Reported from Los Angeles — The judge in Phil Spector's murder retrial ruled today that jurors can hear testimony about misogynistic comments the legendary music producer is said to have made at a Christmas party a decade before he allegedly shot an actress.

Superior Court Judge Larry Fidler said retired New York City police officer Vincent Tannazzo can testify that during a confrontation at comedian Joan Rivers' home in the early 1990s, Spector used an obscene word to refer to women and said, "They all deserve a bullet in their . . . heads."

Spector is accused of shooting Lana Clarkson, 40, in the mouth in 2003. A jury last year deadlocked 10 -to 2 in favor of conviction.

Spector's defense had argued that the statements were prejudicial and should be barred as evidence.

The ruling came as the judge and attorneys questioned the first of 150 prospective jurors. The panelists completed a 32-page questionnaire earlier this month.

Spector, 67, faces a minimum of 18 years in prison if found guilty of second-degree murder.

Ryan is a Times staff writer

[harriet.ryan@latimes.com](mailto:harriet.ryan@latimes.com)

If you want other stories on this topic, search the Archives at [latimes.com/archives](http://latimes.com/archives).

TMSReprints

Article licensing and reprint options

Copyright 2008 Los Angeles Times | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Service](#)  
[Home Delivery](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Archives](#) | [Contact](#) | [Site Map](#) | [Help](#)

partners:

