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11 TEAK DOPF: My name is Teak Dopf, T-e-a-k
12 D-o-p-f. Unfortunately today is the first day I heard
13 about this, so I don't have anything well prepared, but I
14 do have something to say.

15 When was nuclear energy invented?

16 PAUL HARRINGTON: You're making statements
17 here. This is not the Q and A session. I will not
18 respond to this right at this point.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Answer his question.

20 TEAK DOPF: No, it's okay.

21 First I ever heard about nuclear waste and
22 nuclear energy was Hiroshima, Nagasaki. That was 1942,
23 1943, so let's say nuclear waste started around 1920,
24 okay. We'll give it 10 years, we'll give it 20 years.
25 Let's say it started in 1900, 100 years.

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1 Over the past hundred years we have produced
2 enough waste to need to find a place to store it for
3 10,000 years? What are the odds of that? That's what,
4 100 to 1? We're a gambling state, everyone knows that,
5 so, you know, how is that effective? Where do we win?
6 100 to 1 is no good odds.

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7 Unfortunately, everyone who stood up here,
8 except for you -- you say you're taking classes --
9 everyone who stood up here has been adults. I'm an
10 adult, I'm 18, but I'm very much a kid at heart, and I
11 don't want this here. I really despise the fact that you
12 guys -- one, that I didn't know about this earlier. If I
13 had known about this yesterday, I would have come up here
14 with a ten-minute speech on where nuclear energy came
15 from and how it's going to affect the world, but I don't
16 have that.

17 What I do have is knowledge of environment.
18 The environment works in cycles. Because -- let me use,
19 for example, the black-footed ferret in California.
20 Because Californians didn't like the wolf problem, they
21 eliminated the wolf. That in turn, through the cycle of
22 environment, killed the black-footed ferret. That's not
23 fair. What did the black-footed ferret do to anybody?
24 Nothing.

25 So what I want to know is, how is the cycle

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1 of this going to come around? When is it going to come
2 around? That cycle lasted what, a hundred years, and
3 already a species is almost extinct.

4 Tuesday, September 11, 2001, some 6,000
5 people died because three jumbo jets weighing hundreds of
6 thousands of pounds decided they were going to steer off
7 course for whatever reason. That's not the important
8 fact here. The important factor is, I know that less
9 than an ounce of nuclear waste can kill more than 6,000
10 people, and I don't see how, if we can -- the entire
11 nation can be so concerned about 6,000 people dying with
12 all this weight, how they cannot be concerned about one
13 tiny ounce coming to our nation, coming to Nevada, my
14 home, a lot of people's home.
15 Thank you.

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