

Newest collaboration has a 'Flare' for the fantastic

"Flare"
Roger Zelazny and Thomas T. Thomas
Baen Books

By Sam Kepfield
Staff Reporter

One of science fiction's old hands, Roger Zelazny, and one of its newer lights, Thomas T. Thomas, join forces for "Flare," their second collaboration.

Their first, "Mask of Loki," was a quasi-fantasy tale. This one is straight from any Irwin Allen disaster movie — "The Tearing Inferno," "Earthquake" or "The Poseidon Adventure."

The book starts off a bit slowly for anyone not familiar with subatomic physics. Briefly, due to a one-in-several-millions fluke, the sun lets off a huge solar flare, after being relatively quiet for nearly a century.

Today, in 1992, this would mean nothing more than lousy phone com-

munications for a week. But in 2081, when humankind has planted a foothold firmly in the solar system, it means disaster.

Those unlucky enough to be outside are given lethal doses of gamma rays. Space stations built with no safety margins in their low orbits, come crashing down through the suddenly expanded atmosphere (remember Skylab?).

On Earth, a huge and intricate elec-

tronic communications network is disrupted, causing financial panic. Those using Virtual Reality equipment are sent into a coma by the electronic overload caused by the flare, and so on.

Probably the only problem is that Zelazny and Thomas attempted a grand-scale disaster novel, a la "Lucifer's Hammer," but fell short.

Some aspects of the novel are never fully explored, such as the interesting

notion of "Plasmotes," beings who live in the sun's upper atmosphere. Are they intelligent? What is their society like? Will they communicate with humans?

Some focus is put on scientific efforts to predict and then confirm the flare, but not nearly enough. The book does a superb job of showing how widespread the societal chaos from such an occurrence would be, and for that, the book redeems itself, making an interesting weekend read.

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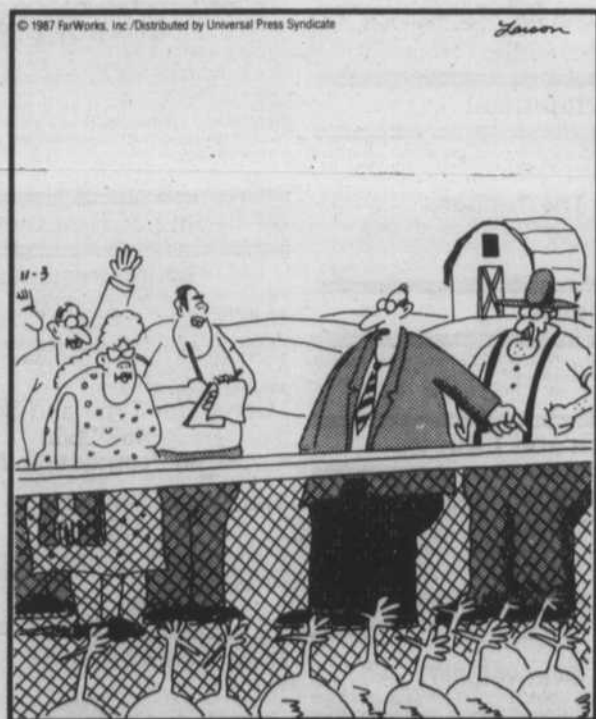
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110 Announcements

Perot '92

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Ornithology 101 field trips

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"Prejudice and Racism Protest"

The Racial Pluralism Action Team will be sponsoring a pro-active protest against racism and prejudice on November 4, 1992 at the Broyhill Fountain at 2:00 p.m. We are asking all students to come out and speak their true feelings and emotions to improve the conditions of UNL and create a move toward unification of students, faculty and staff of all cultures.

ATTENTION COMMUTER STUDENTS FACULTY & STAFF

Now is your chance to voice your comments, complaints, suggestions, etc. about parking on and around campus to the UNL Parking Advisory Committee. Pick up and fill out the brief survey in the ASUN-Student Government office, Rm. 115 Nebr. Union.

Attention: Pi Mu Epsilon, an Honorary Math Society, will have its first organized meeting Wednesday, November 4, at 4:30pm. The meeting will be at Bessey Auditorium, room 117. Max Larson will speak about careers in math. A brief meeting will follow the presentation. Members and non-members are invited.

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Parking Advisory Special Session

Special session will be held at City Campus Union, 3:30pm on November 3, 1992. Room number will be posted. A special presentation will be made regarding the effect on parking due to the 10 St. project which includes a connection to 14 St. In all likelihood, there will be a significant loss of student parking spaces.

STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION MEETINGS: Tuesdays at 6:30pm & every other Wednesday (11/11, 11/25, 12/2) at 4:00pm. International Affairs, 1237 R Street, 472-5358.

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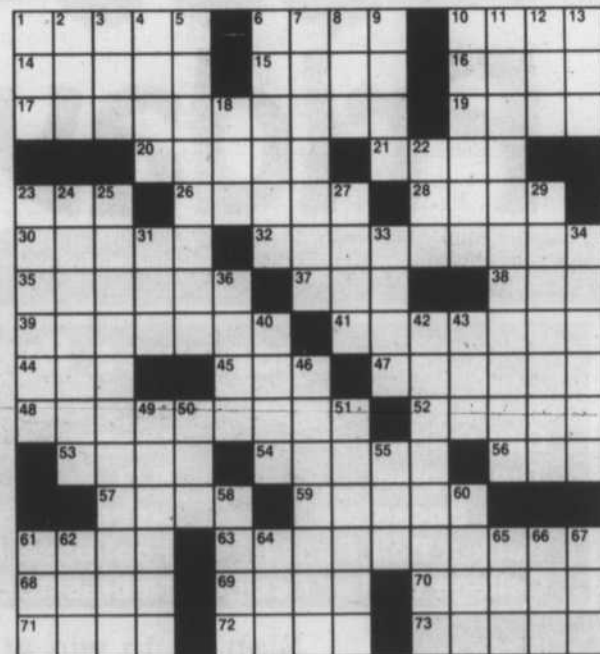
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- 14 Nobel Peace Prize co-winner: 1978
- 15 Plantation near Twelve Oaks
- 16 Solemn pledge
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- 19 Highland hillside
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- 26 Indian princesses
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- 32 Laundry need
- 35 Rabbit ears, e.g.
- 37 Kind of cap or carpet
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- 56 Tokyo, once
- 57 Deride
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- 61 Baez or Blondell
- 63 "The woman," to Sherlock Holmes
- 68 Unemployed
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- 70 Farm-equipment man
- 71 Canasta ploy
- 72 Turn's nocturnal partner
- 73 Readily available



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CEDE DUO SATIRE
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ADAPTS LOS ACES
PULLONESWEIGHT
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PANT GOTOBATFOR
IDIOT PAPA ARNO
CANOE EKES TACT
AMEND DENS EYES

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- 3 City in Okla. or Minn.
- 4 Footway
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- 6 Be present
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- 8 Guadalajara gold
- 9 Dissenting votes
- 10 Bavarian city
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- 12 J.F.K. posting
- 13 Common article
- 18 Muslim title
- 22 Above, poetically
- 23 Model of the chivalric hero
- 24 Ophelia's brother
- 25 The Rabbi's helpmeet
- 27 Genevieve and Catherine, e.g. Abbr.
- 29 Evoked a Gesundheit
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- 34 Shipworm
- 36 Jocular Jay
- 40 Senate minority leader
- 42 Legendary treasure city
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- 50 Exec.-branch council
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- 66 Notable period
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