

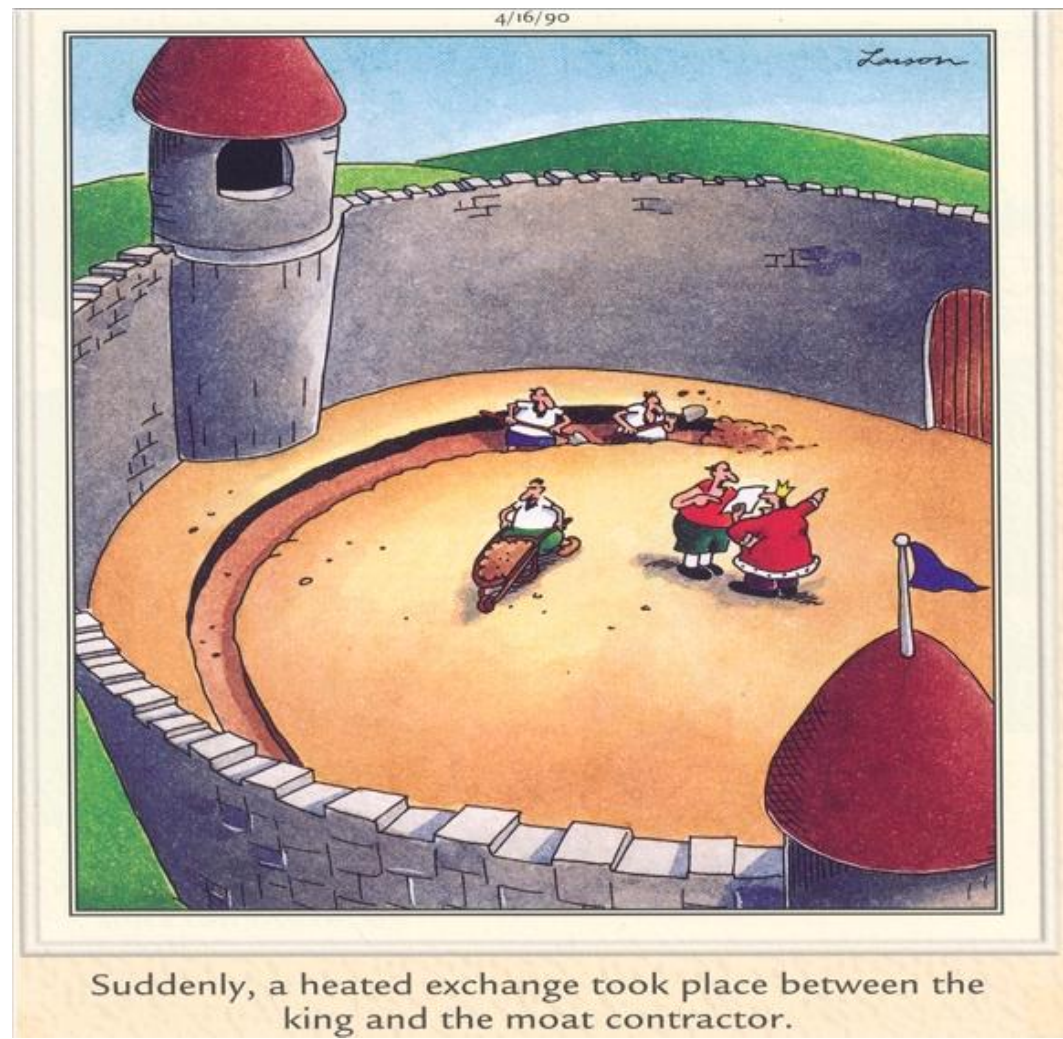
## Saturday 4/01/17 Gig Harbor Cup Regatta #2; Surprise Lake, Milton, WA.

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Sorry for the delay reporting the second regatta at Surprise Lake. Our writer in residence, Bob Wells, missed the regatta and has been busy. He had work to do and had the good fortune to join some of his IOM friends at the Famous Potato Region 6 Championship in Boise, Idaho this weekend. He finished a solid sixth while Kelly Martin finished on the podium in third place. Good job guys.

Bob, one of Seattle's most prominent architects, was forced to miss our regatta because he was called back to the office Saturday when one of his projects went awry. He had to make a quick design change and sign off on several change orders. The ill fated project was reported and shown in the Mercer Island News Weekly. See picture to right. Apparently everything is okay now and a major SNAFU was averted but Bob's reputation took a hit.

Although our regatta had fewer participants than the following week at Renton, we had a great time with comfortable temperatures and only a few sprinkles. The wind was light and shifty which is the norm for Surprise Lake. I apologize for forgetting who set up and took down the course. They did a great job. The wind came directly out of the South with occasional shifts from the West. A box course was set up with room at the start making for few collisions and penalties. Because I am not the best skipper I will not critique the heats, the sailing and what was the best strategy. Kelly Martin figured it out though. He was still working out some of the kinks in his new V10 and managed to win handily. Jerry Brower finished a solid second while Scott McConnell joined them on the podium. Good sailing Scott. Also David Jensen had a good day. The rest of us finished in our normal positions. The racing was close which means we are all getting better. For example Bill Wilson finished tenth overall and had a bullet and third.



Suddenly, a heated exchange took place between the king and the moat contractor.

