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**Big payback:** Doug Sarrett, who had to track down his own IRS refund check, was selected to push the button that will implode the old Internal Revenue Service building.

## Loganville man gets to blast IRS

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Doug Sarrett of Loganville will be striking a blow for Everyman on Sunday when he flips a switch and reduces the old Internal Revenue Service building downtown to a pile of rubble.

Sarrett was deemed the weariest taxpayer in a contest conducted by the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, which bought the building to make way for its \$35 million expansion and renovation.

Told he would have to fill out mounds of paperwork to retrieve his lost \$280 refund check and wait at least six weeks, the DeKalb County school system accountant took it on himself to track it down. He found it had been sent to another Doug Sarrett in Tennessee. The other Sarrett mailed it to him within two days.

"The moral of this story is: Do your own detective work whenever possible," Sarrett said.

The collapse of the <sup>12</sup>five-story, 360,000-square-foot building, to be orchestrated by Greensboro, N.C.-based Demolition Dynamics Inc., will take about 8 seconds, punctuated by four separate blasts of a total of 375 pounds of a nitroglycerin-based explosive.

"It's some of the fastest explosives in the market," said Steve Peddigrew, the company's president, who will oversee the \$1.7 million demolition project.

About a two-block radius will be blocked off starting at 7 a.m. Sunday morning for the blast. The best view outside the protected zone may be off West Peachtree Street near Alexander Street, a Hyatt spokeswoman said.