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Ken McCrory of McCrory & McDowell answers questions in the heat of tax season

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Ken McCrory, 61, principal, McCrory & McDowell LLC:

When was the last time you laughed out loud to yourself?

When I read this question.

Do you (or your office) have a mantra to get you through to April 15?

"It's Friday – that means I only have 2 more days to work before Monday."

If you were an animated action hero, what would be your title? What about your power?

"TALK MAN" – The power to talk anyone into (or out of!) anything.

What does your tax-time iPod playlist look like?

Eclectic – jazz, Sinatra, Willie Nelson, Otmar Lieber and ballads in French.

What was the most unusual explanation for a write off you've ever heard?

A vet needed a swimming pool for therapy for horses.

Did it work?

Sort of.

What were you doing the last time a co-worker looked at you like you were crazy?

Explaining why I thought the swimming pool was deductible.

How many windows are minimized on your computer right now? What are they?

Only five – My inbox, your e-mail, an invitation for Attack Theatre's Dirty Ball, an article on wine and longevity I'm writing for my wine column and a sponsorship opportunity for the Cultural Trust.

Have you ever been asked by a child under 10 to explain a tax concept?

Yes, a few years ago my daughter wanted to know what a dependant was. I told her to look in the mirror.

What's your favorite tax loophole?

Health club dues when prescribed by a physician.

What are your post-April 15 plans?

My annual drinking and drooling trip to South Beach and Key West with my brother.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

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