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A probe into the only thing kicked to the curb more frequently than Elizabeth Taylor

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Driving through America's richest towns on garbage day yields better trash than you'd find at Carmen and Dave's wedding. Make it yours with tips from veteran Dumpster hunters Rustin Wright and Wendy Scher.

Find treasures in the trash of the rich

printer he used for years." says. "My friend got a laser stuff is hit or miss, but the hits can be big," Wright Silicon Valley town. "Tech Look for gadgets in this income \$112,408 Atherton, CA Per capita

Trash day Friday

Trash day Monday better quality," Wright says the garbage of the rich is dressers; it's all there. And "I've gotten tables, desks, town filled with old estates Seek out antiques in this capita income \$104,908 Belle Meade, TN Per

Trash day Tuesday best friend," Wright says. ing. "Make Woolite your

the town's renowned art their trash," Scher says. inclined to save, so find academy. "Students aren't work by future masters at capita income \$104,920 Bloomfield Hills, MI Per Trash day Wednesday Look for abandoned artdesigner-dressed town is Almost 60 percent of the capita income \$109,219 Palm Beach, FL Per stockpiles of vintage cloth over the age of 60, creating

Trash day Saturday you're unsure, a thrift shop warns. But, Scher says, "If can be worthless," Wright courses. "Very old clubs This small town has 26 golf capita income \$113,132 will tell you their value." Rancho Santa Fe, CA Per

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person's Bo Dietl reveals how to read a tor and garbologist Private investiga-

the prize eye on for cans. No one person rummaging like a homeless Dietl says. "Dress "Do surveillance and receipts. bers, phone bills

home to 70,000 people, who earn one dollar per day selling thrown-away

kets. And it gets worse: In July

Manila's 74-acre Payatas dump is

Manila, Philippines, also has people Every dump has treasures. The dump in

Keep your

refuse

don't care where them \$10. They or custodians, slip dealing with maids about it. If you're It's all there. Once open game. it hits the curb, it's Everyone is vulnerable

your goal is to get reveal a schedule Appointment times garbage goes." account num-**Get digits** "Look for Dietl says. "Paper is the goal, do for yourself is best thing you car ties' garbage: of shit in celebrithem at risk. The trash can put don't realize their syringes. People information, drug numbers, travel American Express "I've found a lot

> how he saved his toughest client ever thing," Alford says. Here he recounts Ron Alford helps disposophobics These people fear getting rid of any ore "I rate



he victim's lawyer said, 'I can't do shit He sent the person to me.



value to the **ing** "We

ue judgments. I do that for them



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stop smoking, you can stop cluttering avior modification. Just as you car

BY THE NUMBERS

2000, rains weakened Payatas, suffo-cating more than 200 people in trash

will think twice

inside the house

use a shredder.

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> the earth at this garbage orbiting Tons of space

America's garbage salary in dollars of Average annual

number of landfills

maker's diamond trash in 1669 found in Istanbul Carats of the Spoor

the Grouch ha called a trash Years that Oscar

trash hunter A.J beat up celebrity Times Bob Dylan

Statues of Liberty. garbage each year, the weight of 8,432 Americans produce 290 million tons of AND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE TRASH had been evicted client. Often, abilities. This "GARBAGE OF GOLD," "THE CLUTTER BUSTER!" AND "LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE TRASH" BY MEGHAN CONATON, "INSPECTOR GARBAGE" BY JEN ADAMS, "DWELL IN YOUR DUMP!" BY TIM STACK, "BY THE NUMBERS" BY GRACE CARTER; GARBAGE AND STATUE OF LIBERTY ILLUSTRATIONS BY PETER LIDDIARD; GLOBE ILLUSTRATION BY DANNY HELLMAN; NITO JOEL/CORBIS SYGMA; RONALFORD.COM (3)

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