

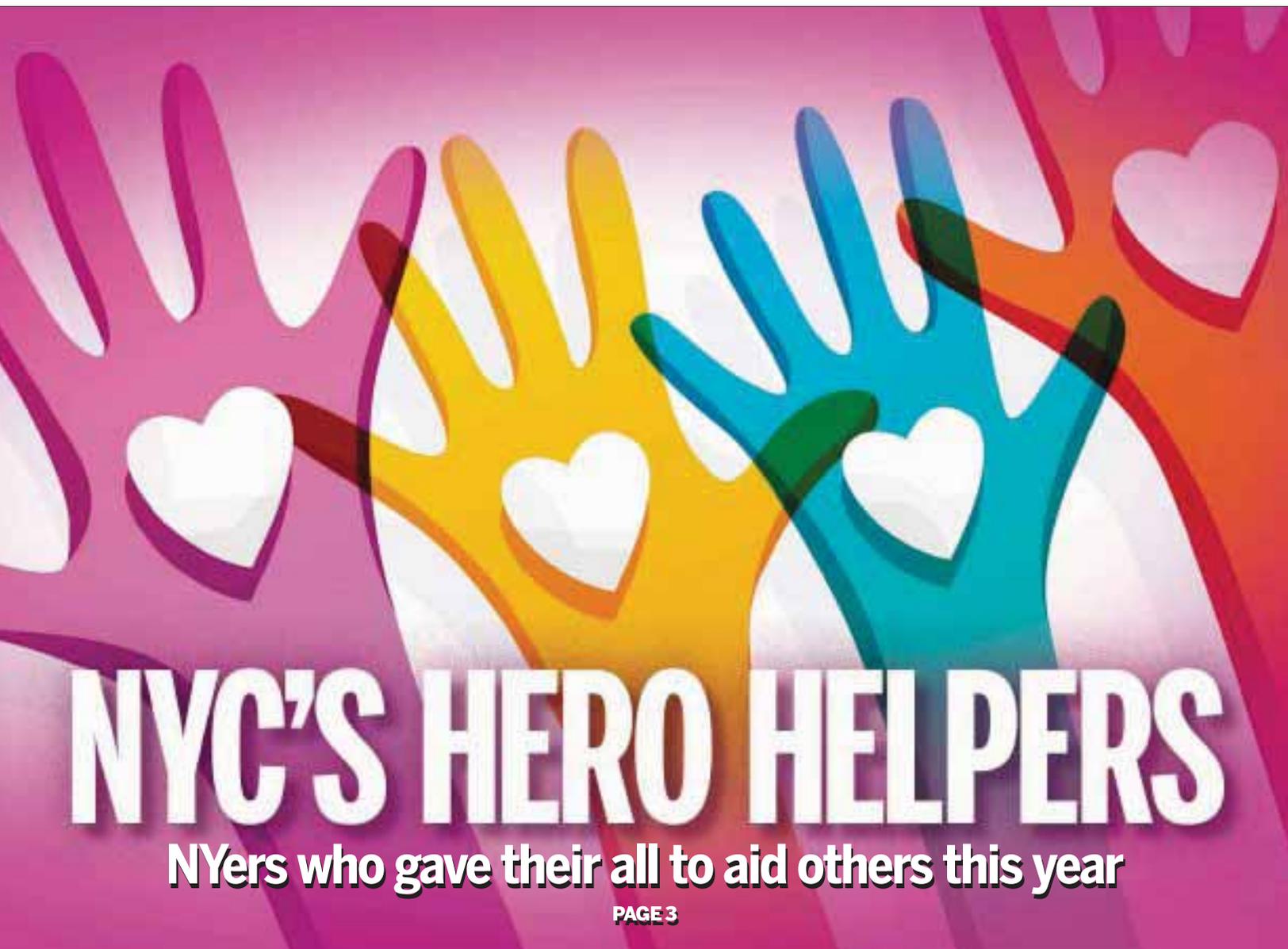
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Men may seem like they're easy to shop for — just grab any ol' tie or pair of slippers — but finding something meaningful may take a while. Here are our suggested gifts for men.

1 Drink-dispensing driver

Whether your golfer needs a cool drink on a hot day or he's the type who likes to get the party started before the 18th hole, this discreet, battery-operated drink dispenser is just the ticket. Hidden in the golf bag is an insulated cooler that holds up to 54 ounces of cool or warm liquid for up to five hours. \$89.95; at Hammacher Schlemmer, 147 E. 57th St., 800-321-1484



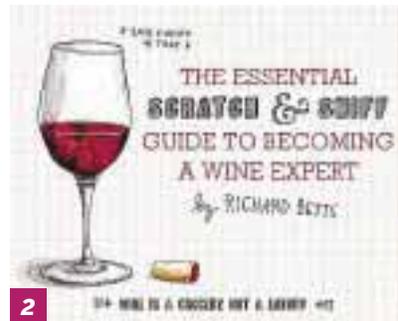
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In his new book, master sommelier Richard Betts breaks down any snobbish notions about wine and embraces a simple scratch-and-sniff approach to teaching readers the basics. It's a straightforward approach to oenology that no-nonsense men will appreciate. \$19.99; at Rizzoli Bookstore, 31 W. 57th St., 212-759-2424

2 'The Essential Scratch and Sniff Guide to Becoming a Wine Expert,' by Richard Betts

3 Beatles pocket squares

This limited-edition collection



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of silk pocket squares by Turnbull & Asser commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' debut record. Individual squares feature the artwork of the band's 13 iconic album covers. They are hand-rolled and finished in England, and each measures 17 by 17 inches. \$150 each, \$1,995 for boxed set; at Bloomingdale's, 1000 Third Ave., 212-705-2000

4 Bird voice alarm clock

What looks like a simple

wooden sculpture doubles as a clever alarm clock. The bonus is that it sounds as serene as it looks: This alarm by Idea International rouses sleepers with gentle chirping. The time appears on a rear digital display, or you can squeeze the bird to have it announced in either English or Japanese. \$40; at AC Gears, 69 E. Eighth St., 212-260-2269

5 Scruff and goatie softener

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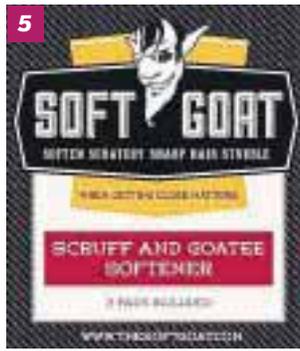


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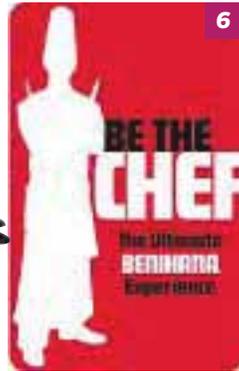
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ing tool can help save you from your man's Sunday scruff. Whether he has scruff, a mustache, a beard or just a good old-fashioned five o'clock shadow, these hypoallergenic pads can help him become a smooth operator. **\$11.99; at The Soft Goat, thesoftgoat.com**

6 Be the Chef package
Send your man off for a training session with a real teppanyaki chef from Benihana to learn tabletop hibachi and knife skills. Then he can impress friends and family at a special dinner where he's king of the hibachi. **\$140 for four people (including the chef); at Benihana, 47 W. 56th St., 212-581-0930**

7 Computer car mice
Treat your car-loving guy to a set of new wheels. This line of playful computer mice by Road Mice offers authentic miniature sports car replicas that even have working headlights. Each car comes with a unique VIN number and personalized registration and title. Car choic-

es include Chevy, Nissan, Lamborghini, Mercedes, Dodge and Chrysler. **\$39.99; roadmice.com**

8 Luxury pocket book for iPhone 5c/s
This Pad & Quill carryall will protect your man's iPhone and stash his cash and credit cards. The cover is crafted of rich, American full-grain bag leather. There's a choice of exterior and interior colors, and the case can be personalized. **\$89.99; at Pad & Quill, padandquill.com**

9 Leather luggage tags
Help him find and protect his luggage at the baggage claim. Send a simple, straightforward message with the "This Bag Is Not Yours" tag. Or, order now for a custom-made, personalized address tag; it will take about 10 days to process. **\$26-\$45; at Owen & Fred, owenandfred.com**

10 Working Man's Hygiene Kit
Who better than a mechanic to create a hygiene kit for work-

ing men? This all-natural by Sam's Natural includes a walnut scrub, a manly soap, knuckle wax, after-shower body lotion, hand repair, foot relief and lip balm. **\$50; at Uncommon Goods, uncommongoods.com**

11 Fast framed photo art
For the bachelor whose walls are bare, SnapBox takes digital photos and turns them into works of art. Just email one of his favorite photos, and in five days you'll have a framed piece of art. The process gives personal photos and scenic shots a sophisticated look. Prints are available in five sizes, including a square format ideal for Instagram images. **\$13.29-\$36.99; at SnapBox, snapboxez.com**

12 New York cheese board
If you're headed to a holiday party, this cheese board from Whole Foods is easy to pick up, delicious to nosh on and has a slate cutting board for the host to keep. The cheeses are locally

sourced and the package also comes with almonds, olives and mini toasts. The handmade cutting board from Brooklyn Slate Company uses slate sourced from a family-owned quarry upstate. Order online (shop.wholefoodsmarket.com) or in-store. **\$59.99; at Whole Foods, 95 E. Houston St., 212-420-1320**

13 Foosball bottle openers

Their game days may be over, but these retired foosball players have found a second life as bottle openers. Due to their vintage nature, the whimsical wooden men may vary in size, shape and color, but they're all ready to help your guy pop open his next beer. **\$48; at Modern Anthology, 68 Jay St., Brooklyn, 718-522-3020**

14 Rush Hour cross-body bag
This fashionable Diesel bag is an ideal blend of business and pleasure. Its mixed materials (flannel, canvas, calf leather, wool, polyester, nylon) make it versatile enough for work and weekend alike. **\$160; at Diesel, 135 Spring St., 212-625-1555**



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