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BEST BETS

WARM AND CHEAP

You know where it's not snowing/sleeting/hailing right now? Jamaica. And it's inexpensive to get there, too (although prices fluctuate daily). A one-stop US Airways flight to Montego Bay the last weekend in March starts at \$208 round-trip. Hotel deals are everywhere, too: A last-minute promotion on Expedia is offering the Caribbean Sunset Resort for \$56 a night.

New Stuff

Husky's **ten-piece army of pliers** (\$20 at Home Depot, 124-04 31st Ave., near 124th St., Flushing; 718-661-4608) aren't just sturdy and well-designed; they're cheap and unusually fun-looking.

Wool and the Gang's **DIY kits** come with chunky Peruvian yarn, needles, and patterns to make good-looking vests, hats, and scarves (\$79 to \$169 at the Smile, 26 Bond St., nr. Bowery; no phone yet).

K Hall Designs' **shea-butter egg soaps** smell delicious (jasmine, pomegranate, cypress), look cool, and are speckled with coffee grounds for exfoliation (\$72 for a dozen at Gracious Home, 766 Sixth Ave., at 25th St.; 212-414-5710).

OPENING

Housing Works

Housing Works is taking advantage of the city's lowering rents, opening its eighth location in well-heeled Tribeca this week. The intimate (700 square feet) space will offer the usual rotating selection of furniture, like a Le Corbusier chair (\$1,100), or the floral settee here (\$395), plus designer clothing. On March 7, items donated by neighborhood locals like Susan Sarandon and Brooke Shields will be in the location's best-of-spring preview sale (72 Warren St., nr. W. Broadway; no phone yet).

BARGAIN OF THE WEEK

ALESSI PAN
\$34.50

In the high-design world of Alessi, corkscrews come in the shape of parrots, handheld vacuums are made of polished steel, and none of it could be called inexpensive—until now. The Italian company is taking up to 70 percent off kitchenware and home accessories at both locations. This omelette pan, once \$115, is now \$34.50. 130 Greene St., at Prince St. (212-941-7300), and 30 E. 60th St., at Madison Ave. (212-317-9880); A.E., M.C., V.; through 2/28 (call for store hours).