

# take 5

Bargains

## Dreamy sleepwear savings



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**B**e it a nightshirt, gown or even long johns, there's nothing like going off to dreamland wearing super-soft cotton. On Saturdays, J. Whitt Intimates opens its doors to the public and offers discounts on luxurious cotton lingerie, usually sold in medium- to high-end department stores.

An Unusual Babe's (J. Whitt's trademarked name) white gown, made of 100 percent interlock cotton with venice lace trim, was \$30. Sleeveless, with deeply scooped back, this gown retails for \$40 to \$45. A long matching robe, also trimmed in venice lace, was \$50 (\$68 to \$75 retail).

On the lower end, thongs in a print called Sleeping Angels are \$3.75 rather than \$8 retail. The prints comes in either blue angels with gold wings or pink angels with gold wings.

Because J. Whitt Intimates manufactures its goods on the premises, it qualifies as a genuine factory outlet. The store's Saturday sales offer discounted lines, overruns and some returns. Most of the inventory is first quality; when seconds are available, they are clearly marked. For example, a pair of long johns that retail for \$45 to \$50 are \$30 here. Depending on what the cosmetic flaw might be, the same pair of long johns sold as a second would cost \$8 to \$10.

Each line, and there are several, offers seven to 15 pieces such as camisoles, tank tops, panties, cropped T-shirts and boxer shorts. Most have J. Whitt Intimates' signature angels, cupids, hearts or roses.

Our favorite line was made of white, 100-percent-cotton strip pointelle accented with venice lace and rosettes. A chemise or night-shirt sewn with pink thread and adorned with pink rosettes was \$20 (\$30 to \$35 retail). The same line also is available in white with blue thread and rosettes.

Sizes for women run small, medium and large. If you happen to see something not available in your size, J. Whitt Intimates will be happy to make one for you — at the



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Christine Warren shows off merchandise at J. Whitt Intimates. Open to the public on Saturday, everything is manufactured on the premises.

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J. Whitt Intimates is at 12108 Sherman Way (southwest corner at Laurel Canyon Boulevard), North Hollywood; (818) 982-4096. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays only. Hours during the week are available by appointment only. American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa are accepted. All sales are final.