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Weekly events guide for Southwest Riverside County



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## Major League Baseball

The Angels are playing home games this week. See Pages E-4 and E-5.

THE CALIFORNIAN  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2008



## Paul Jay Price exhibit kicks off with Friday reception

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TEMECULA — The Arts Council of Temecula Valley will host a reception for Temecula Valley artist Paul Jay Price at The Merc in Old Town on Friday. The reception, which is open to the public, will feature an entertainment by acoustic guitarist Matthew Fagan.

The Price exhibit will run through Oct. 5 and is open during The Merc's regular business hours, Wednesday through Saturday, 2-6 p.m. and on Sunday if there is a scheduled theater performance.

Price's work has been exhibited around the world and reflects his decades of involvement in the worlds of art, anthropology and preservation. An expert in the culture and history of Luiseno Indians a group of American Indians indigenous to the Temecula Valley. Price spent years studying and working with the group that has many members who belong to the Pechanga tribe.

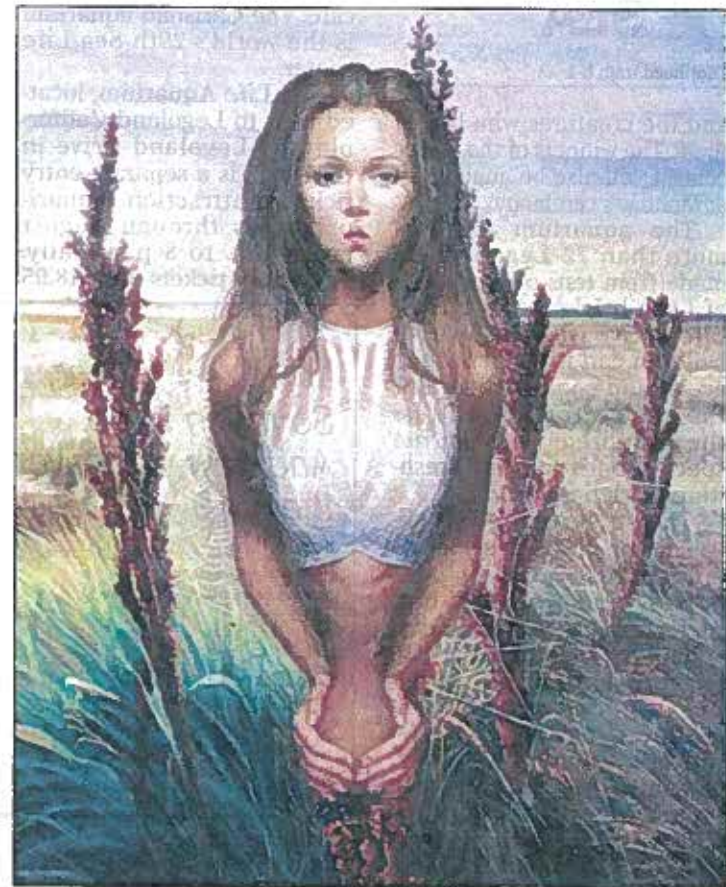


Paul Jay Price's artwork will be on display at the Gallery at The Merc through Oct. 5.

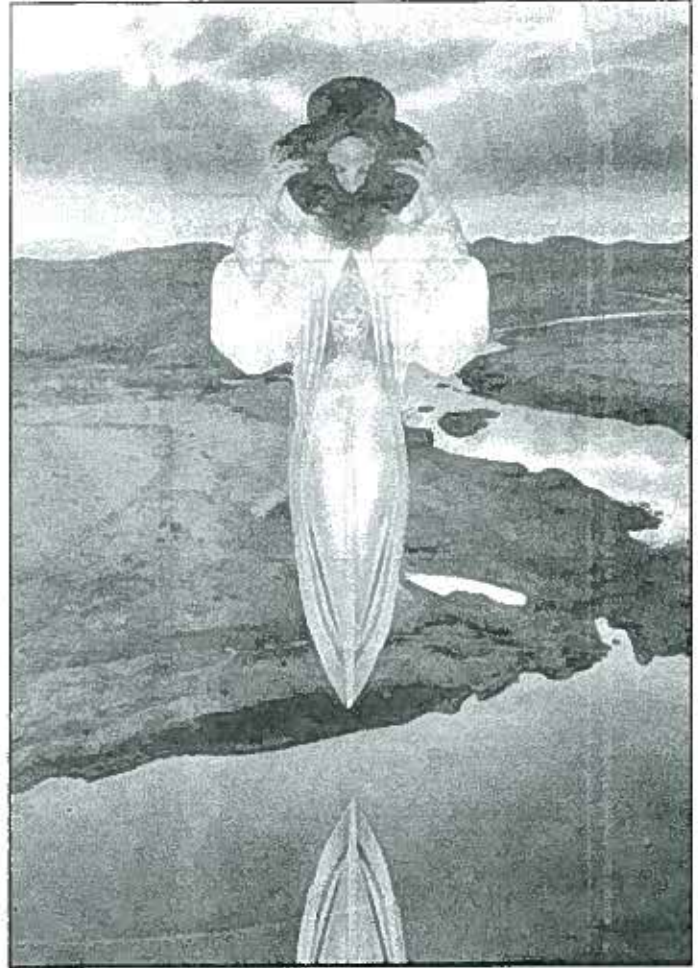
While the exhibit includes Price's trademark American Indian influence, his paintings also reflect a new direction. Many of Price's works explore and question commonly held definitions and perceptions about beauty and the concept of femininity in American culture.

"By manipulating the female form, I ask viewers to consider their own definitions of beautiful and feminine,"

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"Rogue's Bride," by Paul Jay Price.



**"The Calm After the Storm"**

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Price said in a news release. "Floating the subjects without the mechanics of gravity questions our perception of what reality or dimension is actually being viewed. Visually, each painting is stripped away and appears fluid while still being anchored to a perpendicular line that bisects each painting.

&Advertising and other cultural forces have trained entire generations to pigeon-hole definitions of beauty and body image and in many cases beauty is defined by a very narrow standard. I believe that women are extremely complex and that their beauty cannot be defined by perfect white teeth or other perfections. I hope my paintings inspire viewers to explore the social messages and values about beauty and the environment. It is



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not always clear that the images I have created are even women — the viewer's brain decides how to interpret the forms, gestures, poise, grace and stance presented in my work.8

The reception will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at The Merc, 42051 Main Street in Old Town Temecula.

For information about Paul Jay Price, visit [pauljprice.com](http://pauljprice.com). For information about the Arts Council of the Temecula Valley, visit [artsinthevalley.org](http://artsinthevalley.org).