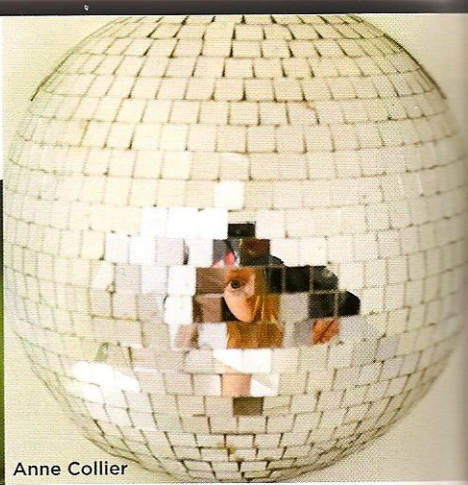
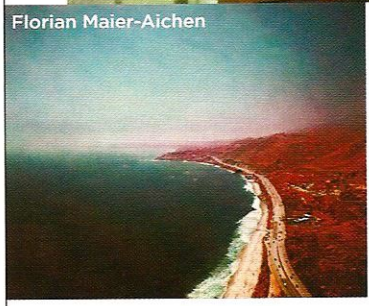


BOOK

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Picture Perfect

First came Phaidon Books' compendium of important drawing-based artists, *Vitamin D*. Now the high-minded imprint takes on the world of photography with *Vitamin Ph* (\$70), an essential guide to key players in the realm of modern photographic art. phaidon.com.

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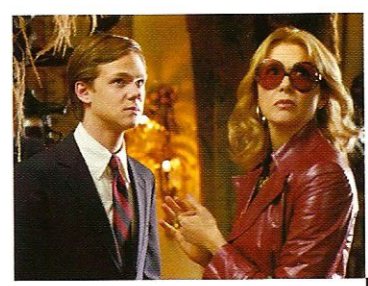
MORE MORLEY

For Burbank native Ivan Morley, obscure moments in California history serve as ideal starting points for his color-rich, complex and abstract works. The Golden State's frontier lore—everything from memorable cockfights to musings about squirrels—often inspires the colors and textures for the artist, who layers paint, varnish, glass, denim and canvas into his rich pieces. Far from a literal representation of history, these hallucinogenic montages, on display at Santa Monica's Patrick Painter gallery this month, convey the spirit of the past. patrickpainter.com.



HIGH DRAMA

Oscar speculation is already swirling around *Babel*, director Alejandro González Iñárritu's latest web of intrigue, even though details about the project are being protected like a state secret. For many fans, though, the mere presence of Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett at the top of the bill is reason enough to hit the theater. The pair plays a married couple who get caught in a tragic web while on vacation. *Paramount Pictures*.



MANIC MEMOIR FILM

While the James Frey scandal may have put the brakes on the craze for personal narratives, the books of memoirist Augusten Burroughs remain best sellers, and this adaptation of his breakthrough *Running with Scissors* is sure to keep his fans coming back for more. Newcomer Joseph Cross stars as the author, with Annette Bening as his self-obsessed mother; Brian Cox as the family shrink who takes Burroughs under his roof; and Gwyneth Paltrow and Evan Rachel Wood as a pair of devious sisters. *Columbia Pictures*.

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