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"DROP OUT"
The conceit of this summer gathering involves gaps, blanks, and removals, though the title doubtless conveys a certain pleasurable delinquency as well. Oliver Wasow's photographs of whited-out drive-in-movie screens and Chris Sauter's insertion of empty thought bubbles above deadpan shots of grain elevators call forth a certain hot-day-on-the-Great Plains ennui. Oscar Palacio locates a similar void in suburbia, with a board fence absurdly interrupted by a tree, and swatches of sod aimlessly strewn on bare earth. Also included are Charles Cohen, Mel Kendrick, and John O'Reilly. Through Aug. 20. (Julie Saul, 535 W. 22nd St. 212-627-2410.)