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RICK PROL, "The Metamorphosis," Maya Stendhal, 545 West 20th Street, (212) 366-1549, through Oct. 31. A veteran of the early 80's East Village scene, Mr. Prol presents a series of big, expressionistic cartoon paintings of a lone man in a black suit having a manic fit of some sort. The paintings have heavily built-up, intensely colored surfaces, but the compositions are more static than you would expect, given the state of their zany subject. Don't miss the funky, bigger than life sculpture of a green monster — part cat, part octopus — frantically riding a bicycle (Johnson).