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'DREAM STREET' With more than 100 vintage and contemporary photos from all over the world, this show explores the terror, thrill, confusion, and fascination of the dream world. Some of the artists chosen by curator Manuel Schmettau are famous for their forays into the surreal and the sublime; others simply have a knack for everyday eeriness: the doll in the corner, the shadow on the wall, the hauntingly empty room. This disorienting lack of artistic common ground is entirely appropriate, and the juxtaposition of Hans Bellmer, Helen Levitt, Manuel Alvarez Bravo, Francesca Woodman, and Daido Moriyama encourages viewers to dip into their own pool of subliminal associations. Once there, they'll be swimming right along with Masao Yamamoto, Katsumi Omura, and Osamu James Nakagawa, whose trio of small photos here neatly sum up the show's quirky sensibility. **THROUGH MARCH 23**, Sepia International, 148 West 24th Street, 645-9444. (Aletti)