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John Salvest
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Morgan Lehman Gallery,
317 Tenth Ave, 212-268-6699

Taking the Latin inscription "Omnia tibi felicia" ("May all things bring you happiness") as inspiration, Salvest makes art from humble materials: wine corks, rubber bands, stubby chalk remnants, and chewing gum. For this show, the gallery's courtyard will be filled with 247 red, white, and blue milk crates stacked in the shape of Old Glory. In the past, Salvest has spread plastic lids on the floor in the shape of a map of the U.S., so expect him to use all available surfaces for his clever aesthetics of detritus.