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## RICHARD DUPONT

There's something very satisfying about Dupont's signature collages, in which a photograph is reconstructed from strips, some of which are duplicated to lengthen a tall man or widen a plump woman; the technique multiplies a subject's essence. The sculptures beside them, faithful models of Wilhelm Reich's Orgone Accumulator and Orgone Shooter, claim to do the same to real people: Reich said they could "collect, accumulate, and make available" life energy, or Orgone Energy, which the mystical scientist believed was the same shade of blue as the sky. If only it were so easy—Reich died in jail for defying an injunction to stop selling his devices. Through Nov. 24. (Golden, 526 W. 26th St. 727-8304.)