



Newspace Los Angeles

Recent sculptures on display at Newspace Los Angeles.

Less successful is a large floor sculpture reminiscent of a topographical map. Made from stacked layers of laminated wood that can be rearranged at will, it enables a viewer to assume a position of worldly omnipotence. But it resembles a toy too much to carry the intended punch.

Newspace Gallery, 5241 Melrose Ave., Hollywood, (323) 469-9353, through Feb. 11. Closed Sundays and Mondays. www.newspacela.com

Following lines that connect us

For decades, maps and mapping have provided conceptual mooring for artists' work. In her solo debut, **Da-hee Lim** turns to systems of telephone poles, power lines and other tangible signs of social connectivity to create abstract maps. But as representations of complex, often charged relations, the work is too vague and diffuse.

The strongest aspect of the show, which includes three pieces in three small rooms at **Kristi Engle Gallery**, is its formal inventiveness. One work is painted on a clear, suspended plexiglass cube. Another is painted on a room's surrounding surfaces (including the floor and windows). The third is a table top of movable tiles, like a child's puzzle. Inside, outside and a space of mental gymnastics are all nicely implied.

Yet the tangle of directional arrows and power poles, painted in dark lines on mostly pale blue and cream backgrounds, seems to meander aimlessly. There may be some hidden, personal route being followed, but there's little incentive for a viewer to pursue it.

Kristi Engle Gallery, 453 S. Spring St., Suite 741, downtown, (213) 629-2358, through Feb. 25. Closed Sundays through Wednesdays. www.kristienglegallery.com

the stumps of felled trees, while their chocolate-brown bodies are decorated with stylized turquoise floral motifs. The petals are composed from flies.

The brown and turquoise color scheme embraces playful fashion, but the subject matter is grim. Socio-cultural suicide never looked quite like this. What makes it work is that Burruei never casts popular culture as a cartoon villain, even if we use it to entertain ourselves to death.

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