ART PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Josh Taylor, director of the National Museum of American Art at the Smithsonian Institution for the past 11 years and president of the College Art Association, died suddenly in late April at the age of 63. . . Betty Danon was heard with her "Super L.P." on the First Program in Italy on May 1... Barbara Rose is new curator at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, staying on at Vogue as art editor, and commuting to Houston one week each month. . . . Jeanne Siegel, head of fine arts and art history at the School of Visual Arts in New York City, has been elected president of the American chapter of International Association of Art Critics. . . Larry Albright of Venice, California is the world's only manufacturer of neon lights smaller than five millimeters in diameter, has recently worked with Francis Ford Coppola's latest film, where a miniature version of the Las Vegas Strip was recreated including all the neon signs, made by Albright. . . Antonio Muntadas has been documented in a catalog called Muntadas: 10 proyectos/10 textos, published in Madrid by Galeria Vandres. . . Chris von Wangenheim, a brilliantly inventive fashion photographer, died recently in an automobile crash. . . George Brett recently exhibited at the Greenville Museum of Art in North Carolina. . . Dan Barber exhibited collages at Gallery 8 in Pasadena in April. . . Sarah Tamor showed Xerox prints at the Riverside Art Center in California ... Lawrence Weiner showed at the David Bellman Gallery in Toronto from 11 April through 2 May. . . Jo Hanson celebrated The Month of the Snail at the Farm in San Francisco during the month of April . . . Laurie Anderson performed "Songs from United States, Part III," to help celebrate the fifth anniversary of Franklin Furnace. . . Margit Rowell, director of collections at the Guggenheim Museum since last year, has resigned her position, continuing as curator of special exhibitions. . . Dick Higgins and Richard Kostelanetz are two recipients of DAAD grants to Berlin later in the year. . . Tommy Mew did it again with an exhibition of paintings and selected works on paper during the month of May at the Joan Ling Gallery in Gainesville, Florida. . . Dali had given the prisoners at Rikers Island jail in New York a rendition of the Crucifixion 16 years ago. Now the painting, worth\$75 to \$100 thousand is on exhibit in New York and in Virginia. Authorities will try to convince Dali to give permission to make lithographic copies to raise money for the city prisoners' art program. . . Andy Warhol has joined Zoli Modeling Agency's roster of fabulous faces. . . Alfred Jensen died at 77 in April as one of the art world's most respected offbeat metaphysical painters. . . Sam Salz, dealer in French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings on both sides of the Atlantic for over 50 years, died recently at the age of 87... Ansel Adams, famed photographer and conservationist, has declared war against Interior Secretary James G. Watt, whose decisions on the environment he has termed an "incredible disaster", vowing to condemn Watt in a letter a day he will write to influential persons who may be able to help him stop the secretary or turn him around. . . Louis Schanker, printmaker, painter and sculptor, died at the age of 78 in New York City. . . . Athena Tacha recently showed new ideas for landscape sculptures at Zabriskie Gallery in New York City. . . Buster Cleveland had a show about the first six months of investigations of Dada Police, a Mail Art book 1976-1981, at Le Salon Z, 330 Broome St., New York City which opened on 9 May. . . .

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