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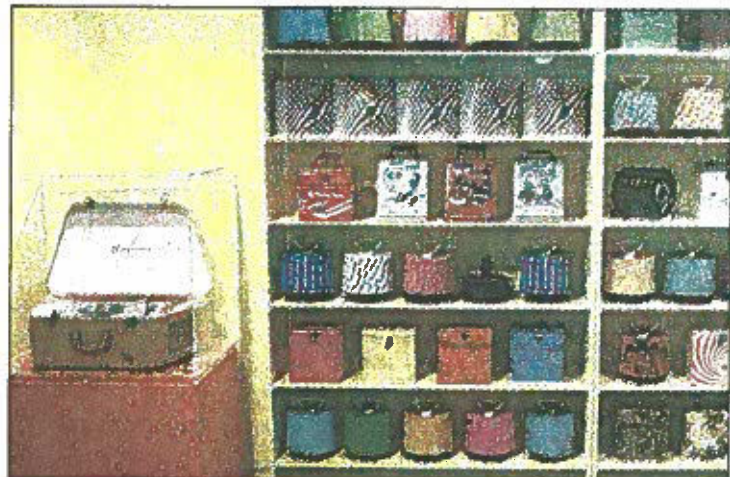
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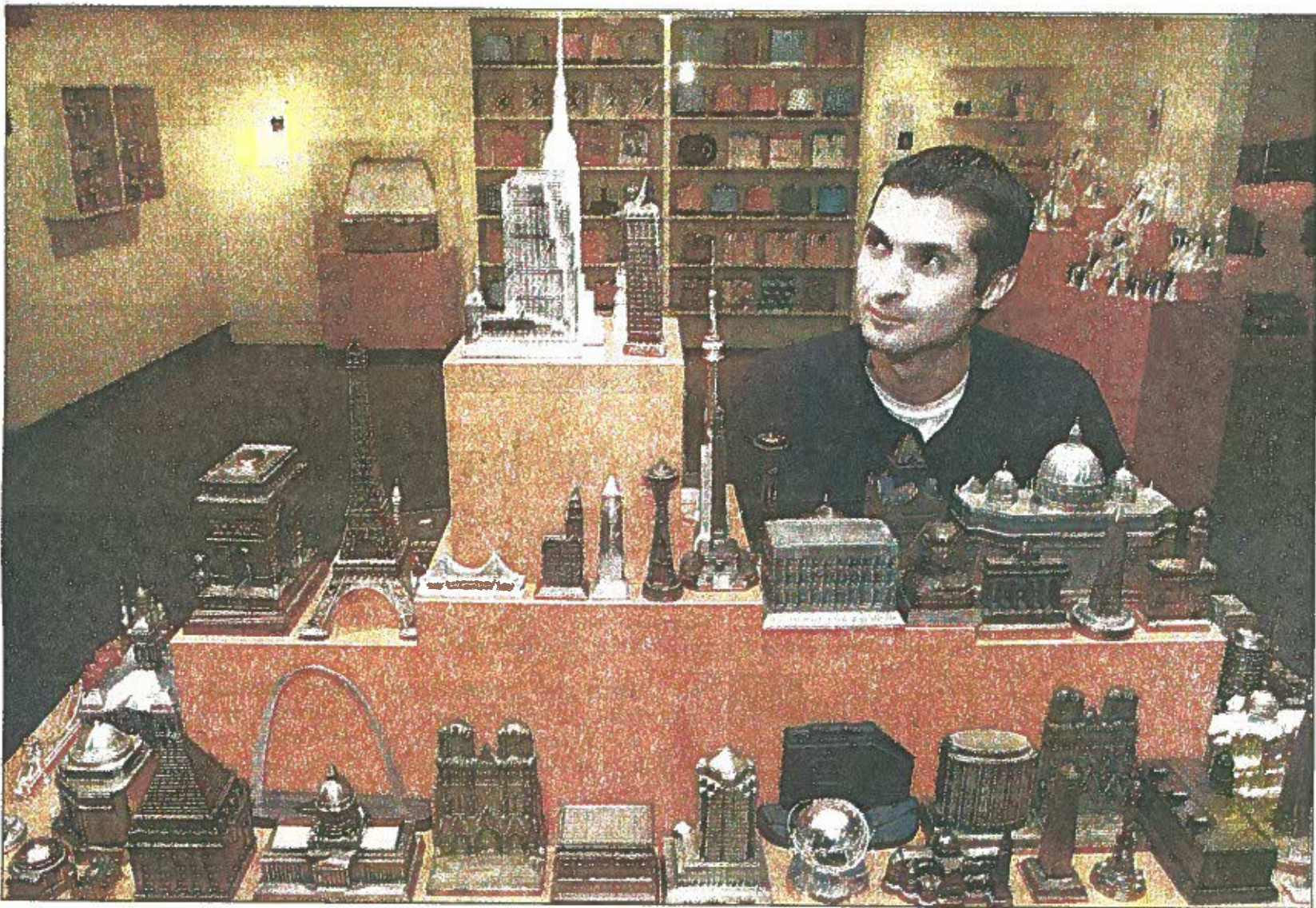
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► **WHILE COLLECTING** dartboards, James Koval of Waterford learned that coal miners from Pennsylvania first brought them to the Capital Region when they began working in the mills.



◀ **DAVID LUTZKER** of New York City bought his first record box in 1968 when he was a teenager. Now he has more than 100, some still containing many of the original records. He says each new box represents a time capsule of another person's musical taste.



◀ **A COLLECTOR** at heart, David Rogowski of Round Lake says he has an "edifice complex." He has more than 275 metal souvenir buildings in his collection, ranging from less than an inch to more than a foot tall and varying in age from the early 1800s to brand new.

Airport Gallery show is a celebration of quirky things that catch collectors' eyes

## Collected WORKS

**M**iriam Beckerle came across a lot of paper clips in her job in the statistical department at the International Salt Co. in the 1940s. And she did what many of us would do. She tossed them into a desk drawer.

But then she did something most of us wouldn't do. "I noticed them. Once I had several of them in the same place, I observed that each one was different," says Beckerle, 85, from her home in Greensburg. "You think that all paper clips are the

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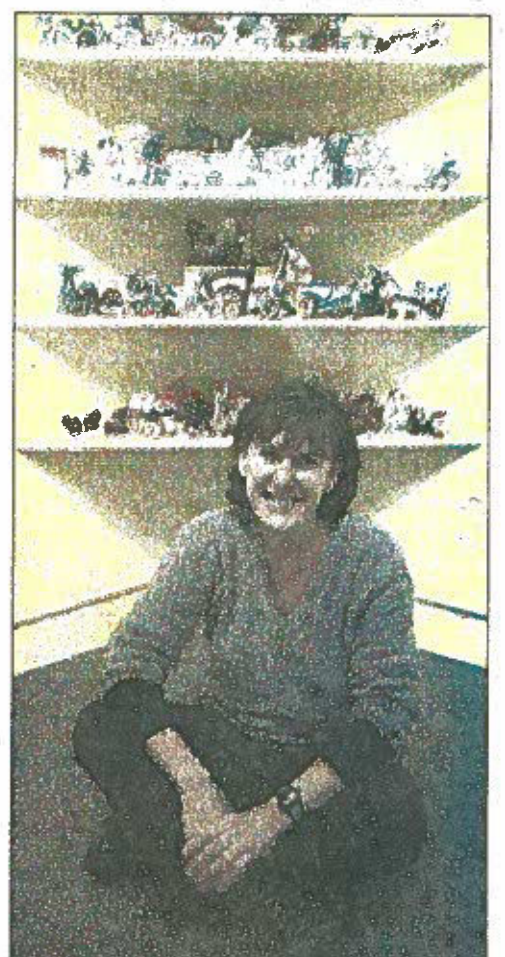
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— in the eye of the collector — is found in multiples.

Unusual and intriguing collections from 20 Capital Region collectors make up the latest exhibit at the Albany International Airport Gallery in Colonie, called "Private Eye." Gumball machines,



**TRAVELING A LOT** for her job, Elaine Cascio of Ballston Spa started buying snow globes for her husband as a joke. The joke became tradition, the collection became hers, and now she hunts up funny snow domes wherever she goes.



distinguish themselves from the average clutter accumulator. Collectors want — no, must have — more than one. From paper clips to cow anchors (let your imagination run wild), the beauty