

## GLOBAL APPEAL

# Cape-tip artist plans for the millenium

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PROVINCETOWN — Harvey Dodd's been thinking ahead.

The 62-year-old watercolorist and gallery owner by day has spent the past 12 years thinking about the end of the millenium.

He admits some of his ideas to mark the event are pie-in-the-sky.

He wants to construct a chain made from old barbed wire fences linking two islands in the Bering Strait between Alaska and Russia. The connection will unite the hemispheres, symbolically creating "one world."

He wrote a World Anthem that he wants all of humanity to memorize by 1999. Written to the tune of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" from the 9th Symphony, it goes something like this:

*"Northern, Eastern, Southern,  
Western,  
winds of freedom everywhere,  
Winter, Springtime, Summer,  
Autumn,  
seasons of forevermore.  
Air and Water, Fire and Earth,  
Abundance for all in everything  
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Dodd will introduce the anthem tomorrow at the Berta Walker Gallery.

Over Columbus Day weekend, he plans to organize the first public singing at the steps of Provincetown Town Hall.

In between then and December 31, 1999, he wants the world to memorize those words, so that when the big moment arrives — at 7 a.m. Eastern Standard time, Dec. 31, midnight at the international dateline — everyone can sit at their television set and sing along.

"The approach of the year 2000 is the first predictable event in history to involve the focus of the entire planet," he said in a prepared



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■ Harvey Dodd, at his Provincetown gallery, has the whole world in his hands as the millenium approaches.

statement. "Using technology, for the first time in history it's possible for all the people of the world to participate in a single event and speak with one voice."

On Columbus Day weekend, he tentatively plans to float large balloons along Route 6 and Interstate 95. Rising 150 feet in the air, each balloon will represent a planet, and will be measured out along the highways to represent their actual spatial relationship.

With a globe representing the Earth at the Berta Walker Gallery, the moon would be 40 feet away, the sun would be at Long Point, Uranus would be down near the

Bourne Bridge and Pluto would be 16 miles south of Providence, R.I.

"It will give us some idea of how insignificant we are compared even to the universe in that scale," he said.

Dodd's plans include a total of 18 concepts. They will be displayed at the Berta Walker Gallery on September 6. Even if only a few come to pass, it will satisfy him.

"It's pie in the sky, it's a big dream," he said. "But even if it captures the imagination of one 12-year-old who then goes out and invents something . . . This is kind of a movement starting."