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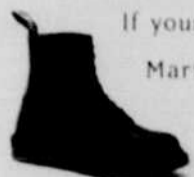
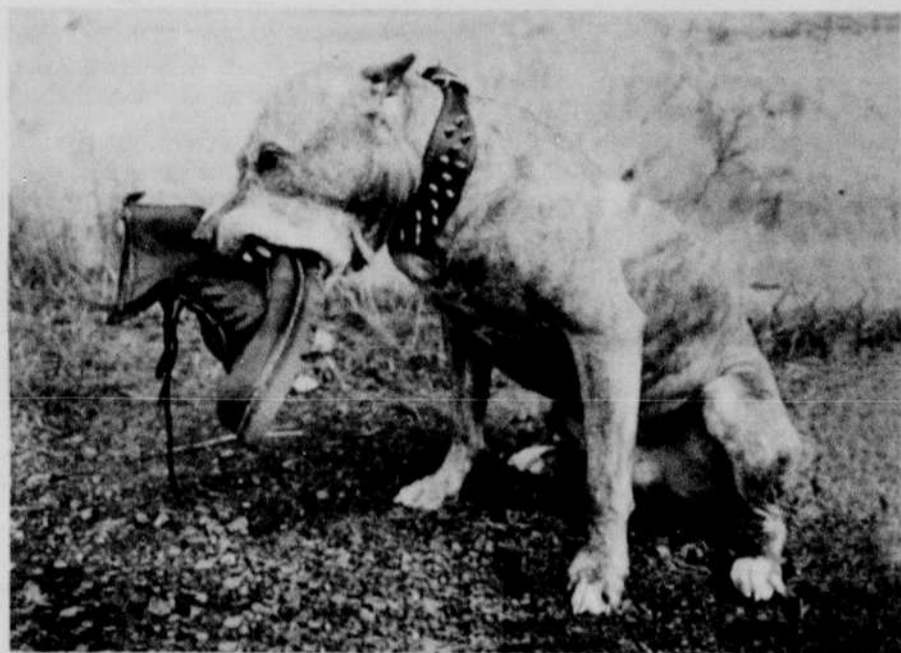
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## EARTH DAY



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Many stores are choosing hemp as an alternative use to fabric. Ned Cummings, from Dread Threads, makes handmade shoes, hackey sacks and bags from hemp. He also has a booth at Saturday Market.

## HISTORY

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than they were 20 years ago. Nineteen years after Earth Day, we are still a throwaway society. Somehow, we need to grab the public consciousness, and we need to grab our political leaders and say, "These things are serious."

Hayes is now chairman of the board of Green Seal, an organization that educates consumers about products, and co-chairman of the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economics.

One of the greatest success stories to come after Earth Day 1990 is the increase in recycling. Will Nixon, of *E* magazine, notes that the number of American communities with recycling programs increased from 600 in 1988 to around 6,600 now.

Americans have also contin-

ued to join the ranks of environmental organizations. Membership in such groups as the Sierra Club, Greenpeace and the National Wildlife Federation has surged.

For example, according to *Rolling Stone*, the Sierra Club's membership tripled in the 1980s, and by 1990 there were about 10 million dues-paying members of various environmental organizations in the U.S.

Also by Earth Day 1990, *U.S. News and World Report* notes that the amount of protected federal parklands has significantly expanded. In Alaska, 45 million acres were added. Another 2 million acres of protected land was added throughout the rest of the U.S.

As Earth Day's 25-year anniversary approaches, successes of past Earth Days can serve as models for this year and for future events.

— Melissa Candek-Story

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