

Ecology Note:

What to do
with your old
TV-dinner trays

From his role on ABC's *Mod Squad*, that of Captain Greer, the, hard-nosed, no-nonsense cop who rides herd on a trio of hipster sleuths—you'd never expect Tige Andrews to have an ounce of whimsy in his body. And yet, off-stage he is a determined dabbler in Pop Art. His canvases: used TV-dinner trays. This came about because his wife and kids are ecology freaks. If he's out for a drive and one of them spots an empty beer can, they make him stop, pick it up and stash it away in the garage for eventual recycling. About a year ago Tige wandered into the litter dump that his garage had become and a heap of the trays called out to the artist in him. Soon he was making collages out of them. When he ran out of trash trays, he asked his wife to *feed* him TV dinners. After a while he had painted and eaten his way into an art gallery, where his experiments with painted kitchen trash go for \$125-\$300—the world record for scrap aluminum. All of this has, of course, gone too far. Now Tige not only wants his TV dinner warmed up to the proper, just-like-granny-used-to-make temperature, but he's always warning his wife not to damage the trays. And he's taken to gobbling TV dinners two at a time. He's even been stealing his kids' toys to glue into the collages. (END)



