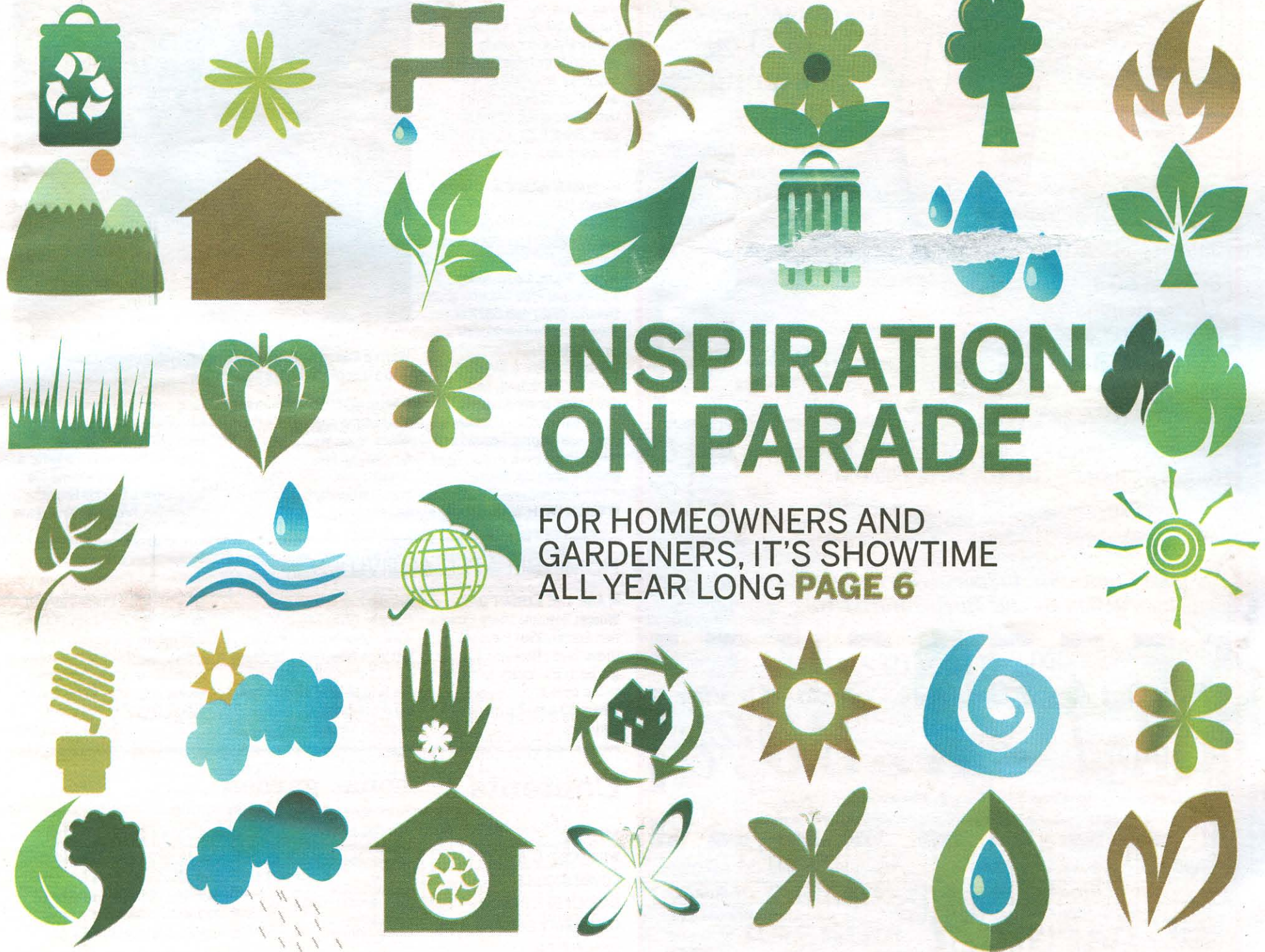


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INSPIRATION ON PARADE

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HOME CHECKLIST

Looking for an energetic boost for the new year? Try the color of 2012: Tangerine Tango.

The Pantone Color Institute (www.pantone.com) chose Tangerine Tango – a reddish variation on traditional tangerine – as its top pick for 2012's trend-setting palette. Expect to see it in housewares as well as fashion.

"Sophisticated but at the same time dramatic and seductive, Tangerine Tango is an orange with a lot of depth to it," said Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute. "Reminiscent of the radiant shadings of a sunset, Tangerine Tango marries the vivaciousness and adrenaline rush of red with the friendliness and warmth of yellow, to form a high-visibility, magnetic hue that emanates heat and energy."

Fashionistas already love tangerine. Several designers – including Tommy Hilfiger, Nanette Lepore, Cynthia Steffe by Shaun Kearney, Elie Tahari and Adrienne Vittadini – tossed tangerine into their 2012 spring collections.

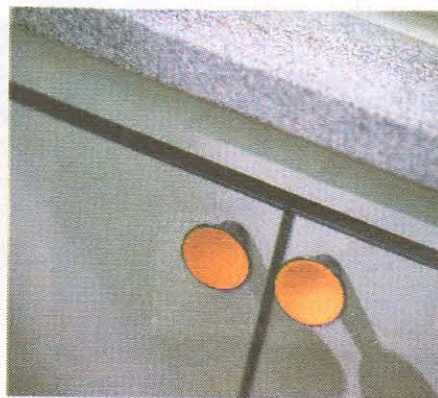
Influenced by these runway shows (plus pop culture and consumer habits), the insti-

tute focused on tangerine as a happy color during difficult times. It encourages consumers, and builds on the ideas of courage, action and forward momentum, according to Pantone's color experts.

In small doses, tangerine can energize a room. Try tangerine pillows, bedspreads or tabletop accessories. Or paint one accent wall Tangerine Tango for a dynamic burst of orange in the kitchen, hall or entry way.

Tangerine also has become a favorite for housewares and accent pieces. Some examples: Fiesta dinner and bakeware, Elle Décor vases and votives and Kalorik small appliances (available at Kohl's).

Tangerine adds bold impact to kitchen and bath fixtures, too. Pyrolave (www.pyrolave.com)



Atlas Homewares

– which makes glazed lava stone surfaces – rolled out tangerine countertops. Victoria + Albert (www.vandabaths.com) suggests its York freestanding bathtub painted Tangerine Tango. Atlas Homewares (www.atlasmhomewares.com) offers its Indochine knobs and drawer pulls in mandarin orange, a very close cousin to that tangerine hue.

If you think you've seen tangerine before, you're right. It was one of the original iMac colors.

– Debbie Arrington

GARDEN CHECKLIST

■ **Plant living Christmas trees as soon as possible.** If you've placed the tree outside, avoid exposing the root ball to freezing temperatures. Get it in the ground or in a pot. Firs, pines and other evergreens can flourish in containers. If planted in a pot, your living Christmas tree can come indoors again next year for the holidays.

■ **Prune hybrid tea, floribunda and grandiflora roses now for April bloom.** For more flowers this spring, prune less severely for a taller bush. Prune canes to 24 to 30 inches tall instead of 12 to 18 inches.

■ **Divide daylilies, Shasta daisies and other perennials.**

■ **Cut back and divide chrysanthemums.**

■ **Apply oil to fruit trees** to control scale, mites and aphids. Oils need 24 hours of dry weather after application to be effective. Don't apply on foggy days or if rain is in the forecast.

■ **In the vegetable garden,** plant fava beans, mustard, onion sets, radicchio and radishes.

■ **Plant bare-root asparagus** and root divisions of rhubarb.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Classes and workshops

TODAY

■ El Dorado County Master Gardener class on pruning and remedial pruning of deciduous fruit trees. 9 a.m.-noon. Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville. Free. (530) 621-5502.

■ Food Preservation Public Demonstration: Introduction to safe water bath canning techniques. Sacramento Cooperative Extension Office, 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento. Free. (916) 875-6913.

FRIDAY

■ Yellow star thistle control workshop hosted by the University of California Cooperative Extension and the Calaveras County Department of Agriculture. 1-3 p.m.

Calaveras County Library, 1299 Gold Hunter Road, San Andreas. Free (call for reservations). (209) 754-6504, ext. 3.

NEXT SATURDAY

■ A master gardener will discuss pruning techniques and tips in a workshop presented by the Sacramento Public Library. 11:30 a.m. Belle Coolidge Library, 5600 S. Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Free. (916) 264-2920.

■ Winter Rose Care workshop and Proper Pruning Techniques presented by the Sierra Foothills Rose Society. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville. Free. (916) 420-0344.

■ The El Dorado County Master Gardener rose pruning class. 9 a.m.-noon. Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville. Free. (530) 621-5502.

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