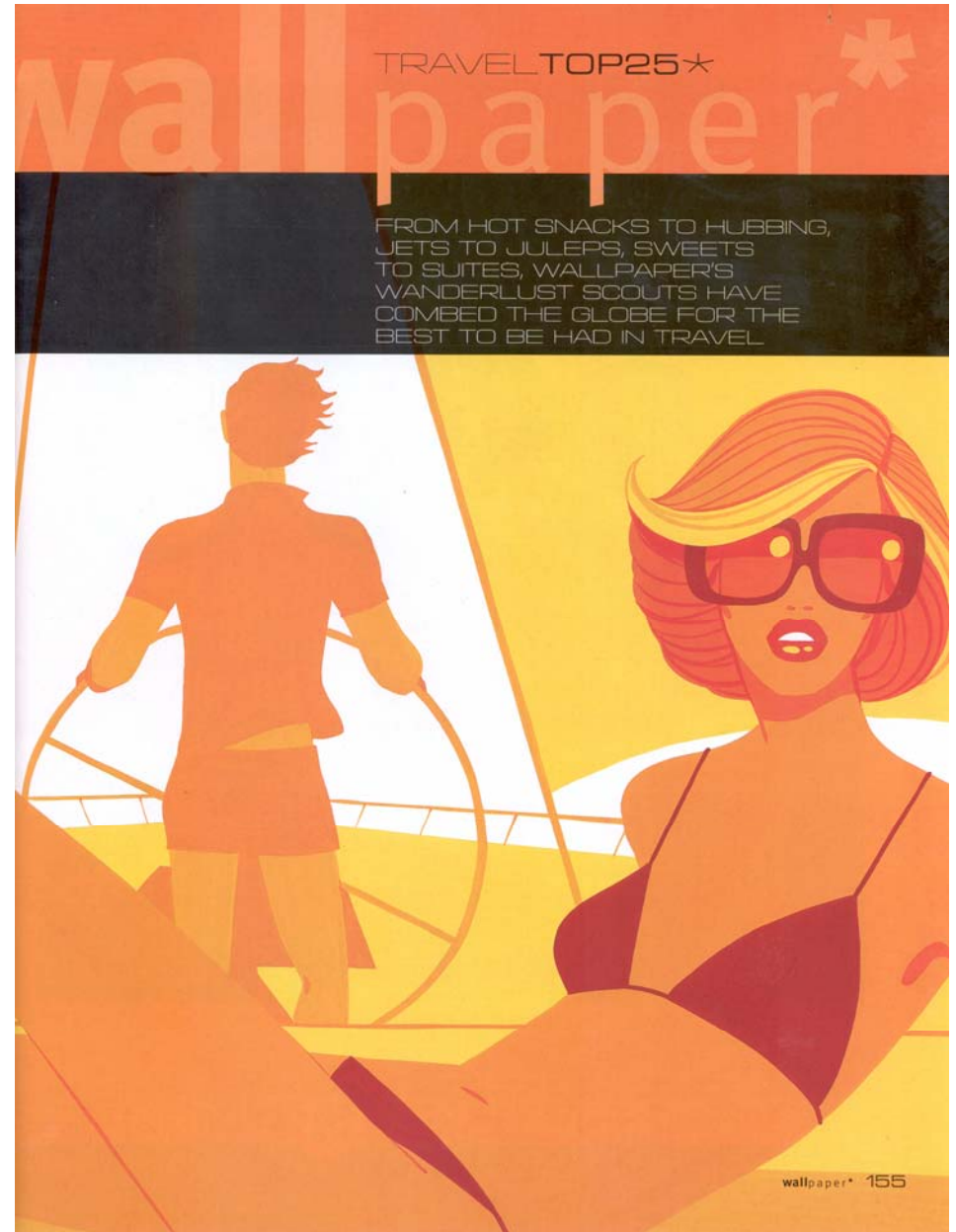
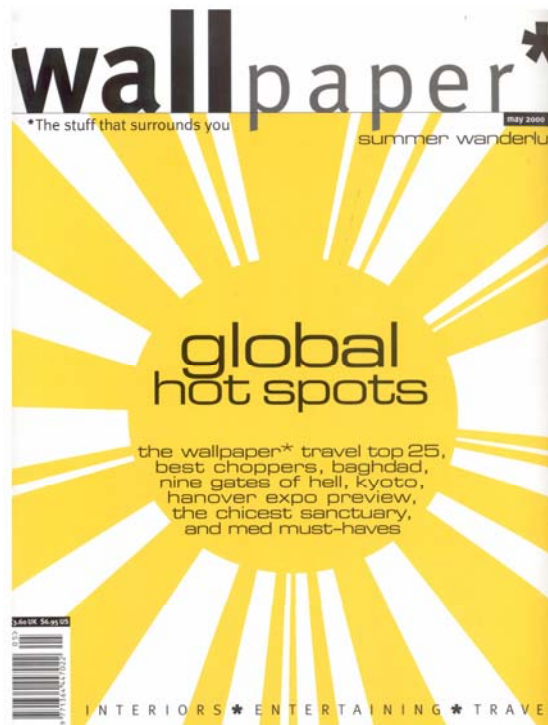


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TOP TRANSPORT SHELTERS PHOTOGRAPHY BY WERNER HINWIGER WORDS JONATHAN BELL

As Hanover gears up for World Expo 2000, exhibition-goers will be first to see 13 elegant new stops on its USTRÄ metro line. The client wanted a very technical structure which could easily be mass-produced," says its designer, Martin Despang. Elevated steel platforms are dotted with shelters made from such materials as brick, frosted-glass blocks, pre-patinised copper and larch batens, giving each station a unique identity. One shelter is clad in rough metal gratings that look soft and velvety from afar, but the real climax comes at Krugerskamp, where Despang reveals all with see-through glass shelters that show the steel-frame, pre-fab units beneath.



and beyond the surface: here about public wooden floors

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Nylon carry-on bag, SEK3,395, trousers, SEK3,795, by Miu Miu. Nylon jacket, SEK6,295, shoes, SEK2,995, burgundy post bag, SEK2,695, blue nylon bag, SEK3,995, by Prada, all from Paul & Friends. Aluminium case, SEK4,250, by Rimowa, from NK Reseefekter

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SMOOTHEST FLOORS PHOTOGRAPHY SESSE LIND WORDS KAREN CHUNG STYLIST JENNY STEGOD AT SHOOT

NICE FINNISH
We're not sure why the Pope always made a point of kissing the ground as he departed, but his enthusiasm for the practice seems to have waned; jet fuel spills must be murder to get out of those white robes. But if he ever needs incentive to get back down to ground level, he could do no better than to start inside Helsinki's Vantaa airport. Finland's main international hub sports gorgeous birch flooring in Departure Hall Three, which is part of the Kaigo Strom original terminal building built in 1969. Concrete, laminate and rubber are all very serviceable, but Vantaa's flooring proves that wood can work just as well in a public space and makes for the smoothest connections in the world.