This week ArcSpace takes us to Italy and The Netherlands. – A competition to design a memorial within the National AIDS Memorial Grove in San Francisco. – RIBA announces Gold Medal winner - the “lightweight champion of the world.” – “Waves of the Future: Frank Gehry, Architect: Design for Museums” at Corcoran: PLOT; SRL Arkitekter; Arkitema; Kontrapunkt

**An Open Competition to Design a Memorial within the National AIDS Memorial Grove.**

San Francisco: Registration deadline: December 1; Submission deadline: January 7 - National AIDS Memorial Grove

The lightweight champion of the world: How soap bubbles and cobwebs helped Frei Otto win architecture’s greatest prize [Royal Gold Medal for Architecture]. By Jonathan Glancey [image/links] - Guardian (UK)

Taming the Beast From 1965: Whatever you think of 2 Columbus Circle...some minor revisions to its architectural design...aim...to cleanse the site of uncomfortable historical memories and thereby make it more palatable for powerful real estate interests. And this is a dangerous sign for the future. By Nicolai Ouroussoff - Edward Durell Stone; Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture [image] - New York Times

Architects relieved fight is over;...generally speaking, architects are fairly laid-back, nonviolent folk...man oh man, were there punches thrown. It was Ali-Frazier in Manila...the greatest sports architecture fight in history comes to an end. - HOK Sport/Ellelbe Backet/360 Architecture/Rafael Architects; Frank Gehry/Crawford Architects - Kansas City Star

Vinyl’s University of Chicago business school proves to be more beauty than beast:...its intelligent mix of style and substance...reminds us that the environment as a whole matters more than the singular, self-indulgent statement. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

In Chicago’s West Loop, Real Estate Profits Do Grow on Trees:...tree plantings, elaborate landscaping and streetscape designs have become the catalyst for neighborhood revitalization. - New York Times

Low-rise Leeds to embrace ‘kissing towers’: Enthusiasm mixed with caution greets project that could alter perceptions of northern city - Ian Simpson [image] - Guardian (UK)

Red Hot MoMA: New York’s great modern museum is reborn, thanks to $425 million and an unlikely architect named Taniguchi - Newsweek

For an Architect and His Family, a Home and a Laboratory: This building is a calling card for his modern architecture — a clean, utilitarian form with a clear vision... - Paul Castrucci - New York Times

Books recount politics of rebuilding ground zero; [Libeskind’s "Breaking Ground" + Goldberger’s "Up From Zero"] There is enough egregious politicking and ego recounted in both books to satisfy those of us who devour tales of Architects (and Officials) Behaving Badly. - By Maier Voelz - Edward Durell Stone; Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture [image/links] - Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

A tome that speaks to a difficult time: "Up From Zero" by Paul Goldberger: the New York experience offers lessons for other cities in how architecture, politics and economics intersect in the real world. - San Diego Union-Tribune

Glamer By Design: "Glamer" is the title of a new exhibition at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and even more surprising that the word is describing a recent trend in architecture and design. By Ulf Meyer - San Francisco Chronicle

Salvation, one Dane at a time: HySociety architects envision urban life without the waste; "Too Perfect: Seven New Denmarks" offers a world of solutions. By Christopher Hume - PLOT; SRL Arkitekter; Arkiteka; Kontrapunkt - Toronto Star

Waves of the Future: "Frank Gehry, Architect: Design for Museums" at Corcoran; Gehry’s buildings at their best are all about movement -- of the eyes, the body, the heart. By Benjamin Forgeron - Washington Post

Exhibition celebrates often-overlooked architecture of Colombia; Finally, a glimpse into the world of design south of the Equator that imparts a genuine and even fervent message of hope for the future. By Beth Dunlop - Miami Herald
And Now, a Few Words From the Urinal: the Wizmark, an "interactive urinal communicator" - New York Times

New York Celebrates 2nd Annual Architecture Week October 4-10! - ArchNewsNow

INSIGHT: Ticking the Right Boxes: In today's quest to add value at all costs, are we not losing sight of the most important aspect of all - the architecture itself? By Austin Williams - ArchNewsNow

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