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Home cheap home: Vietnam architect’s quest for low-cost housing
Vo Van Duong’s bamboo and coconut leaf house looks much like others deep in Vietnam’s Mekong Delta. “It can last a long time, the structure is sound,” he told AFP during a tour of the small building.

End of the road for Nepal’s traditional Himalayan ‘caravans’
For generations, traders and their colourful herds of mules and yaks were a lifeline for remote communities in the heart of Nepal’s formidable and often dangerous Himalayas. The traders bravely plied an ancient trail, ferrying salt, grains and other goods between neighbouring China’s vast Tibetan plateau and Nepal’s capital.

Watch this Spanish Video (It’s Mind-Blowing!)
If you don’t know Spanish (at least 50 words) you have got to see this immediately. You’re going to be amazed after you see it!

Miss Colombia crowned Miss Universe in Miami
MIAMI (AP) — Miss Colombia Paulina Vega, a relative pageant newcomer, has been crowned Miss Universe, beating out first runner-up Miss USA Nia Sanchez and contestants from more than 80 other countries at Sunday’s pageant in Miami.

Africa’s quiet solar revolution
By Tanzanian standards, Nosim Noah is not poor. A tall, handsome woman with the angular features of her fellow Masai tribe members, Ms. Noah makes a good living selling women’s and children’s clothes in the markets of this northern Tanzanian city. The four-bedroom brick house she shares with her family is a modest place in a city where many homes are incomplete.

Accuweather: Significant Snow Possible Monday Night
Meteorologist Melissa Magee says the first big storm of the season arrives Monday night.

The Surprising Reason This Sea Otter Was Conceived in the Wild but Born in Captivity
Sea otters know how to activate the “aww” factor in humans—a pup learning to swim in Chicago recently became an Internet sensation. Because sea otter numbers are declining, it’s essential to keep the species wild, which is why one pup in in Santa Cruz, California, has become so special. The baby otter was conceived in the wild but born in captivity. For its parents, the experience isn’t unusual.

How an ISIS Beheading Might Change Japan
A video released on Islamic State-affiliated Twitter accounts show the apparent beheading of Haruna Yukawa, a 42-year-old Japanese citizen who had been held captive by ISIS forces since last August. Yukawa’s death hasn’t been independently verified, but the Japanese government said it believes the apparent beheading.

Gusty winds knock out power to 55K in Southern California
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Powerful Santa Ana winds with gusts topping 89 mph toppled trees and power poles in Southern California on Saturday, leaving tens of thousands of people without electricity.

Millions of Shoppers
Great blizzard of 1888 changes NYC
(12 photos)
The Great Blizzard of 1888 was one of the most severe recorded blizzards in the history of the United States. Snowfalls of 20–60 inches fell in parts of New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, and sustained winds of more than 45 miles per hour produced snowdrifts in excess of 50 feet.

Obama seeks bigger wilderness designation in Alaska refuge
JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — President Barack Obama is proposing to designate the vast majority of Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area, including its potentially oil-rich coastal plain, drawing an angry response from top state elected officials who see it as a land grab by the government.

Qatar court tells US family to decide on execution
A Qatari court ruled Sunday that the parents of an American teacher murdered in the Gulf state should decide whether her alleged killer is executed. The Pennsylvania-based family of Jennifer Brown can choose between the death penalty, compensation — “blood money” under Islam law — or a pardon for her killer.

49 Philippine police killed after clash with rebels
Forty-nine Philippine police commandos were killed when they clashed with Muslim rebels in the south, police said Monday, a bloodbath which tested a peace accord signed last March. An 11-hour gunbattle broke out after police entered the remote town of Mamasapano, held by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Breached pipeline that spilled oil lies exposed on riverbed
GLENDIVE, Mont. (AP) — Sonar indicates part of an underground pipeline that spilled almost 40,000 gallons of oil into Montana’s Yellowstone River and fouled a local water supply is exposed on the riverbed.

Two dead in apparent murder-suicide at NYC Home Depot: NYPD
NEW YORK (Reuters) - Two people were killed after a shooting in a Home Depot store in Manhattan’s Chelsea neighborhood on Sunday afternoon in what appears to be a murder-suicide, two New York Police Department (NYPD) spokesmen said. One male individual, who preliminary NYPD investigations suggest...