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“Certainly, John Kerry has been unerringly wrong on every foreign-policy issue for four decades, so sheer bungling stupidity cannot be ruled out.”

— Mark Steyn, writing in National Review Online, about the secretary of State's role in the United States' nuclear deal with Iran.

“The total number of people in the United States now receiving federal disability benefits hit a record 10,982,920 in November, up from the previous record of 10,978,040 set in May.”

— CNSNews.com, citing a new report by the Social Security Administration, while noting the new number is higher than the population of Greece.

“By the time the year is over, 2013 could see more record low temperatures than record high temperatures, according to the National Climatic Data Center.”

— Doyle Rice, writing in USA Today, while, curiously, not mentioning the phrases “global warming” or “climate change.”

“Democrats have created a bubble of deception surrounding ObamaCare that will affect millions of Americans for years to come. A lie this ignoble should stain the credibility of everyone who perpetuated it.”

— Matt Welch, editor in chief of Reason magazine.

“If the people come to believe that the government is no longer constrained by the laws then they will conclude that neither are they. That is a very dangerous sort of thing for the president to do, to wantonly ignore the laws, to try to impose obligation upon people that the legislature did not approve.”

— Cato Institute scholar Michael Cannon, testifying before Congress on President Obama's disregard for provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

