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### **Turbines damage environment in many ways**

Joshua Wise of Ontario Nature (Put wind farms in the right places, Oct. 1) has rightly pointed out the horrific bird kills, including those already experiencing population declines, caused by industrial wind turbines on Wolfe Island where the McGuinty government allowed them to be placed with Ministry of the Environment approval. The Green Energy Act disabled

much of the environmental legislation that would otherwise have restricted the siting of renewable energy projects. An essential flaw in the regulations is the . . .

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October 22, 2011 • Australia •  

### **Backlash for wind farms over health impacts**

The war between farmers and energy companies has moved into a new phase with the emergence of plans for a massive expansion of wind farms in Queensland. Some farmers in the South Burnett have already walked away from lucrative payouts from wind farm companies of \$140,000 a year because of feared impacts on their health and their business. While the struggle against coal seam gas, coal mines and underground coal gasification rages in other parts of the state, companies like . . .

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October 22, 2011 • Minnesota •  

### **Maintenance issues plague VA wind turbine**

A wind turbine erected on the campus of the VA Health Care System in St. Cloud earlier this year remains in the commissioning phase due to maintenance issues that have repeatedly caused it to shut down. The turbine started operating March 27. The commissioning phase was expected to take a few weeks, then the VA would accept the project from the contractor, JK Scanlan Co. of East Falmouth, Mass. However, the VA has not yet accepted the project from the . . .

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October 22, 2011 • Massachusetts •  

### **Legislators get an earful at contentious Cape turbine hearing**

BREWSTER — The state is late to the party when it comes to setting rules for wind energy development, too late to bother, many Cape Codders told a state's joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy Thursday morning at Barnstable High. But developers are tired of wading through a jungle of local boards and are "seeking one-stop shopping." The upshot of this is a slew of nine bills, two of which (S. 1666 and H. 1775) are designed to draw . . .

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### **Windfarm application sparks pollution concerns**

Members of Kype Angling Club are worried plans for 26 wind turbines in South Lanarkshire would have a negative impact on their reservoir

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### **Court orders wind case reconsideration**

The Kansas Supreme Court on Friday ordered Wabaunsee County District Court to reconsider certain aspects of its decision to uphold a county ban against commercial wind farms. The district court in 2007 dismissed most of the claims filed by Wabaunsee County residents who had entered into land agreements with wind-power developers before a county ban was imposed. The plaintiffs sued the Wabaunsee County Board of Commissioners, which in 2004 voted to ban wind turbines taller than 120 feet and producing . . .

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October 22, 2011 • Massachusetts •  

### **Bournedale turbine project dealt significant blow**

The members of the Cape Cod Commission subcommittee tasked with making a recommendation to the full commission concerning the New Generation Wind proposal to place four large-scale wind turbines in Bournedale met last Wednesday. At that meeting, the subcommittee reaffirmed its determination that the wind turbine proponents failed to prove that there was a need for, or a benefit to be derived from, the controversial wind turbine proposal. That determination caused New Generation Wind representative Diane C. Tillotson, an attorney . . .

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### **Wind-energy Project Proposed in California Threatens Thousands of Birds**

Wind-energy Project Proposed in California Threatens

Thousands of Birds Conservation Groups Challenge Project That Puts California Condor at Risk KERN COUNTY, Calif.— Conservation groups told the Kern County Board of Supervisors today that a large-scale wind-energy project proposed for the southern Sierra Nevada needs to go back to the drawing board and be redesigned to avoid risks to endangered California condors, golden eagles and other rare bird species. The groups filed a legal challenge in Kern County Superior Court seeking . . .

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### **South Lake County wind farm plan falls apart again**

LOWELL — For the second time, plans for a proposed wind farm in South Lake County have turned to dust in the wind. Andy Patterson, with Michigan Energy Generation, said the original partner in the project that was expected to cost between \$250 million and \$300 million, International Power, was acquired by another firm that did not want to proceed with wind power. “It’s a big disappointment,” Patterson said. Michigan Energy was working on nine wind farm projects in various . . .

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### **Colebrook First Selectman challenger advocates transparency, accountability**

The Truss family moved to Colebrook six years ago, in part because of its rural character. But the approval of two wind farms in the primarily residential town — one of which will be across the street from the Truss household — spurred Truss into action. According to Truss, “The whole thing was completed behind the scenes,” pointing towards the lack of any discussion of the turbines in Board of Selectmen minutes.

“That just speaks volumes for everyone in town,” Truss said.

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