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## Granholt OKs bill for dove hunts

### Season would be limited to 6 counties for trial run

By AMY F. BAILEY  
Associated Press

Hunters could begin shooting mourning doves in six Michigan counties that border Indiana and Ohio as early as this fall.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill Friday that changes the dove's classification from a songbird to a game bird.

Liz Boyd, spokeswoman for the Democratic governor, said Granholm signed it based on a promise made by Natural Resources Commission Chairman Keith Charters to recommend the seven-member commission approve a three-year trial hunt in just six counties — Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale and Lenawee.

The Natural Resources Commission could set limits for a dove hunting season in September. It is expected to consider the issue in July and hear public comments in August.

At the end of the three-year trial period, Charters said, the commission will study the effects of the season on mourning dove populations and use it to evaluate future hunts.

The Humane Society of the United States sharply criticized Granholm for signing the bill. The group pointed to a questionnaire Granholm signed in 2002 when she was a candidate for governor. On it, she indicated she would veto a bill to allow a mourning dove hunt.



Granholt

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# MOVE TAKES CAMPUS BY SURPRISE PROVOST SIMON TO LEAD MSU

## Trustees fill spot without search

By SHARON TERLEP  
Lansing State Journal

EAST LANSING — Michigan State University picked longtime Provost Lou Anna Simon to succeed President Peter McPherson — a surprise move that comes at a time of historic change for the nation's seventh-largest university.

The board, which had been gearing up for a national search, stunned many and angered some by selecting Simon without considering other candidates.

Simon, a soft-spoken and scholarly leader who has spent more than three decades at MSU, will become the 20th president and the first woman to serve in the post when she takes over Jan. 1. The Board of Trustees voted 8-0 to hire her. Terms of her three-year contract have not been finalized.

A previous finalist for the top job, Simon, 57, has held several posts since coming to MSU as a graduate student in 1970. She served as provost — the top academic spot — since 1993 and was interim president for five months last year while McPherson

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Chosen: Lou Anna Simon (right) reacts to applause following the announcement she will be MSU's next president. Sue Carter (left), secretary to the president and the Board of Trustees, applauds the board's 8-0 decision.

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### On the issues

Lou Anna Simon, who will become Michigan State University's next president on Jan. 1, weighed in Friday on major issues facing MSU and higher education.

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In what's become the norm in recent years, officials are struggling to balance fast-rising health care and energy costs with cuts in state funding. "Higher education is being thought of more and more of as a commodity," Simon said. "For the public to want to support us, we must make a real case as to why we're here for the public good." MSU's job is to make noticeable improvements in the economy, education and quality of life of Michigan residents and to be able to articulate its success, Simon said.	MSU has struggled to increase its numbers of minority faculty and students. In Michigan, a Court of Appeals ruling last month reinstated a petition drive to put an anti-affirmative action measure on the fall ballot. "We've got to really work to be more inclusive in all of our aspects. What's always being challenged are the ways in which we do that. Working with the broader community, we'll get some answers to the hows."	MSU trustees last month approved a 10-year plan to move major parts of the College of Human Medicine to Grand Rapids. Simon said MSU must balance expanding the school with maintaining health care in mid-Michigan. She said she plans to rely heavily on faculty input in implementing a plan. "It's a delicate balancing act," she said. "We have a sense of why this might be good; now we have to find a way to make it work."	Faculty salaries have been a point of contention at MSU between the administration and staffers, with the university ranking at the bottom of the Big Ten's 11 schools in terms of pay. Simon said that while salaries rank low, overall compensation is closer to midrange in the Big Ten. "We've made some progress over the last few years, even in these difficult budget times. We have such talented people ... they deserve more than the budget allows."

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## Students react to appointment of MSU's first female president:



"It definitely says something about the way [society has] progressed that a woman is at the top of such a major university."

Sarah Mercer  
senior



"I don't see how gender disqualifies someone from making important decisions and taking the mantle of responsibility for the university."

Sean Higgins  
junior



"It's a breath of fresh air for a woman to be president. It will bring balance to the character of MSU."

Shawndia O'Neal  
senior



"Because she rearranged the colleges, a lot of TA's are going to get fired. That didn't go over well with me."

Steve Krawczyk  
teaching assistant and graduate student

## Poll puts Schwarz in lead

### Front-runner vying with 5 GOP rivals for 7th District seat

By CHRIS ANDREWS  
Lansing State Journal

Former state Sen. Joe Schwarz has jumped to a nearly 2-to-1 lead over five fellow Republicans in the 7th Congressional District primary, a poll released Friday says.

The Battle Creek surgeon was favored by 23 percent of the voters

in the EPIC-MRA poll. State Rep. Clark Bisbee of Jackson and attorney Brad Smith, son of incumbent U.S. Rep. Nick Smith, were tied for second with 12 percent.

State Rep. Gene DeRossett of Manchester, who launched early television ads in April, dropped from second place to last, with just 6 percent of the vote.

"Schwarz is now the established front-runner," said EPIC-MRA Vice President Ed Sarpolus.

The poll of 400 likely Republican voters was conducted between Monday and Thursday. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

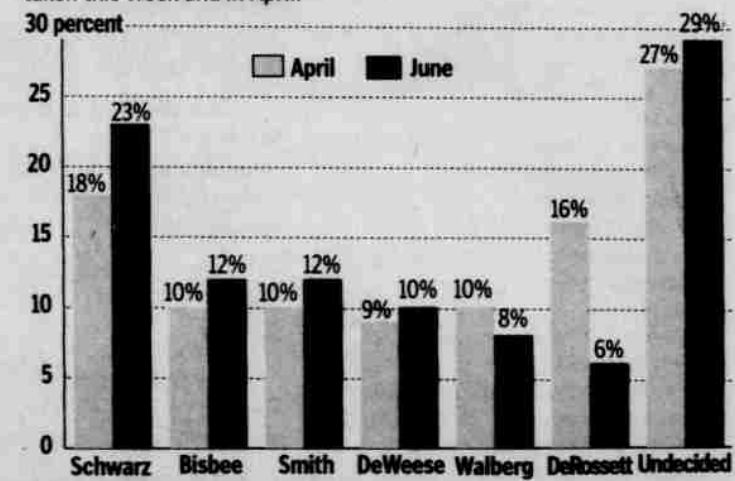
The six Republicans are vying to succeed Nick Smith, R-Addison, who is retiring after 12 years in Congress. The winner of the Aug. 3 GOP primary will be heavily favored in the Nov. 2 general election.

Among the other Republican candidates, former state Rep. Paul DeWeese of Eaton Rapids had

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## Schwarz opens up lead

Here's how the 7th Congressional District candidates stack up in polls taken this week and in April.



Note: April 14-18 EPIC-MRA poll of 300 likely Republican voters, margin of error plus or minus 5.7 percentage points. Monday through Thursday EPIC-MRA poll of 400 likely Republican voters, margin of error plus or minus 5 percentage points.  
Source: EPIC-MRA

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