

Bush appointee gets Lansing post

By TIM RICHARD
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Jan Ellis started the Bush Administration's parade home a bit early.

"I'll be working with Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, assuring their activities reach the Michigan public. I'll be working with all the state senators," said Ellis, 36, who lived in Birmingham during the 1970s and '80s.

Ellis started Dec. 1 as deputy director of the state Senate Republican communications office, working for former Redfordite Andy Anuzis. The Lansing job places her a short drive from her mother, Peggy Ellis, now a Farmington resident.

"The people are very lucky to have Dick Posthumus," she said, starting her work early. "He has a very good grasp of the economic climate, stays in touch with the community he's from (in rural Kent County) and still drives a plow on his farm."

Posthumus is a probable future candidate for higher office and is on most GOP short lists for the U.S. Senate in 1994.



Jan Ellis

'Glass ceiling'

In Washington, Ellis worked for Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin.

"My title was media spokesman on tough issues like minimum wage, fair labor standards, child labor, and farm labor."

"I developed a strategy on the 'glass ceiling' initiative and publicized it outside the human re-

source community."

"Glass ceiling" refers to women's perceived difficulties in rising to high executive posts in American corporations. Ellis said the term had been in use for years before she came along, but takes credit for introducing it to the popular press.

"The administration was proactively trying to educate the public and business community."

Always a pro

Ellis got into the GOP publicity work by a non-traditional route.

After attending Oakland and Oakland University, she went to work for a pharmaceutical company in sales — and did well.

But in 1980, when Detroit hosted the GOP convention that nominated Ronald Reagan, she landed a paid staff job in the campaign, and from there went to the

Reagan transition team.

"I came back to Michigan as field director of Brooks Patterson's campaign for governor," she said of the 1982 primary effort.

So Ellis spent the next 2 1/2 years as a district sales manager in Birmingham for the National Federation of Independent Business.

In 1984 Ellis was back in politics as a Republican National Committee consultant, director of transportation for the convention, and Nebraska staffer for the Reagan-Bush campaign.

From there she went to a private public relations firm, started her own firm and advised computer companies on governmental procurement.

From there she became director of personnel in the Bush transition team and then went to the Labor Department.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following area hair salons were recently fined by the Michigan Department of Commerce, Bureau of Occupational and Professional Regulation.

FJH Corporation of Birmingham: Fined \$350 for rendering barber services in a non-licensed establishment.

Bardha Salon of Birmingham: Fined \$200 for employing an unlicensed person to perform cosmetological services, prohibited use of neck dusters and failure to maintain clean towels in a closed cabinet or drawer.

Homace Hairtrends of Troy: Fined \$350 for operating a cosmetological establishment without a license.

Justin Parish Beauty Salon of Birmingham: Fined \$400 for employing an unlicensed person to perform cosmetological services.

Oscar Does My Hair of Birmingham: Fined \$350 for employing an unlicensed person to perform cosmetological services.

Catherine Ponder of Birmingham: Fined \$300 for engaging in practice without a license.

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OU offers ACT workshop

Registration is open at Oakland University for the American College Testing workshop.

The three-session workshop will meet 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 16, 23 and 30 at OU.

The cost of the workshop is \$115. The next ACT exam will occur Feb. 6. To register, call 370-3120.

OU chorus seeks singers to join 130-voice group

The Oakland University Community Chorus, which performs classical choral music, invites adult singers to join its 130-voice mixed group beginning Jan. 5 on campus.

The chorus, offered through OU's division of continuing education, will rehearse from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 5 through April 13, in room 134 of Varner Hall on the campus of the Rochester university.

During the winter months, director John Dovanars will rehearse the chorus for an April 3 concert, for which the theme will be famous French and Italian operas, duets and choruses. The concert will be held in Varner Recital Hall.

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