

Edgar names 6 more to head state agencies

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SPRINGFIELD...Moving closer to completing his Cabinet, Gov. Edgar on Tuesday named six more agency heads, including directors for the troubled economic development agency and the overcrowded prison system.

The appointments left Edgar with only about a half dozen top-level posts to fill. Named were:

• Jan M. Grayson, 49, a former partner in an international accounting and business consulting firm, as director of the Commerce and Community Affairs Department.

• Howard A. Peters III, 45, the warden at Pontiac Correctional Center, as director of the Corrections Department.

• Audrey L. McCrimon, 38, associate director of the Rehabilitation Services Department, as its director. McCrimon is a former deputy commissioner on disability for the Chicago Aging and Disability Department.

• G. Brent Manning, 38, an environmental biologist and Ducks Unlimited official, as Conserva-



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tion Department director.

• Former Rep. Ron Stephens (R-Troy), 42, a pharmacy owner, as Emergency Services and Disaster Agency director.

• State Rep. Robert J. Piel (R-Glenwood), 45, a seven-term lawmaker and former bank executive, as Banks and Trust Companies commissioner.

Edgar made Larry Mizell, 43, a former warden at the Vienna Correctional Center, second in command of the state's prisons, and chose John Comerio, 48, a conservation planning official, for deputy conservation director.

The governor also said he would appoint Du Page Airport Administrator Roger Marquardt, a political ally of Senate Minority Leader James "Pate" Philip (R-Wood Dale), to head the Transportation Department's aeronautics division.

Peters and McCrimon are black, bringing to four the number of blacks in the Cabinet, which also includes one Hispanic American and one Asian American.

McCrimon is the ninth woman named to head a department. Nine of Edgar's 17 top aides also are women.

Grayson's mission at Commerce and Community Affairs will be to reshape state economic development efforts, placing more emphasis on nurturing existing Illinois firms rather than preparing huge incentive packages to lure new companies.

These six round out state's major offices

■ Jan Grayson, 49, of Chicago, a partner in the consulting firm of Coopers and Lybrand, director of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.



Before becoming a partner in 1988 at Coopers and Lybrand, Grayson was executive vice president of Charles A. Stevens and Co. and prior to that served in management at Deloitte-Touche, both major accounting and business consulting firms.

Grayson, a former high school mathematics teacher and college instructor, has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago, where he also received his bachelor's degree in science.