## **Bush Nominates Conservative To Replace** Court Justice Thurgood Marsha

Monday that he would nominate Clarence Thomas, 43, a conservative black judge with a contro-

replace Thurgood Marshall, the Supreme Court's foremost advocate of civil rights for the past quarter-century. The nomination sets the stage for what is exings probably scheduled for

confirmation battle, with hear- croppers shack in Georgia and and humbled" to be appointed. went on to graduate from Yale September. Thomas, a judge on Law School and serve as a top Washington's U.S. Court of official in the Reagan admini-

pected to be a stormy Senate Appeals who grew up in a share- stration, said he was "honored regard Thomas as unacceptable,

But even before Bush's announcement, civil rights groups were warning that they would hell of a confirmation fight.

and a White House official said the selection would be a gutsy choice and" would touch off "one

## AMES

Governor Bob Miller today named Ray Willis, the director of the Clark County School District's public information office, to a temporary Judicial Selection Commission, which will help fill the vacancy created by Clark County District Court Judge Michael Wendell's resignation.

The Constitution directs that the nomination in a judicial vacancy in District Court shall be made by a temporary commission consisting of the permanent commission and two other individuals.

The Constitution also requires that the governor appoint to the temporary commission a resident in the judicial district in which the vacancy occurs and who is not a member of the legal profession. Willis will fill this position.

The board of governors of the State Bar of Nevada appoints the other member, who must be a member of the State Bar of Nevada and a resident in the judicial district in which the vacancy occurs.

The temporary Judicial Selection Commission will select three nominees and forward these names to the governor, who will fill the vacancy.

Willis, 43, was a member of the Clark County Planning Commission from 1980 to 1984 and a member of the Governor's Tourism Advisory Council from 1977 to 1981.

In addition, Willis is on the board of directors for the Las Vegas Secret Witness Program and is on the board of directors of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce.

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