## Reagan Turns Back Clock On Justice

By Andrew Young

WASHINGTON When Jimmy Carter stood before the NAACP convention in Miami last June and attempted to paint a picture of what a President Reagan would mean in terms of federal court appointments, my first reaction was that it was a bit too soon to conjure up "the Reagan

Now, I've had second thoughts about the timeliness of that speech - particularly after the last two weeks of behind the scenes scheming by Reagan's campaign manager Paul Laxalt and other Reagan surrogates in the Senate to thwart six pending nominations to the



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The six in question just so happened to be three black males, two women (one white, one black), one Hispanic, and one white liberal male, whose only fault seems to be that he is too liberal. Senate observers describe these candidates as "boy scouts and girl scouts" with "spotless credentials."

In contrast, there are

seven additional pending nominations for federal judgeships. All are white males who happen to enjoy the backing of prominent Reagan supporters such as Senators S. I. Hayakawa, John Danforth, Charles Percy and Harry F. Byrd, Jr. These nominees were praised last week by South Carolina's Strom Thurmond, the Judiciary

Committee's Republican, as "beyond scrutiny." Thurmond avowed that the committee could now move forward with the seven nominations supported by the Reaganites. He was not prepared to clear the way for the other six, on the ground that staff investigations of the six had not been completed, the implication being that some of them might not be fit to be judges.

Hence a Reaganite maneuver designed to confirm the impeccable seven and scuttle the disparaged six.

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## VIVECA MONET WOODS

Nevada's first black female assistant U.S. attorney will be joining the staff of U.S. Attorney B. Mahlon Brown this month, replacing Alan Freedman who is being transferred to Reno to lead that office.

Brown said Viveca Monet Woods, 31, presently with Clark County Legal Services, will be the first black to serve as an assistant U.S. attorney in the

Woods, a native of Ohio, received her law degree from the University of Toledo Law School and did her undergraduate work at Howard University in Washington, Brown's alma mater.



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of "socialism" frightens the candidates to the point where they don't discuss dare question of whether government, at some level, should say to Serena White, "You want to work, you know how to work; you detest being on welfare, so government is going to give you a job instead of

I know that there is no simplistic "solution" of

government guaranteeing a job for everyone, wiping joblessness, welfare Medicaid, food stamps and other programs of public help for those in need. I am aware that, given the shortage of child care facilities. society may find it wiser to subsidize some oneparent households rather than force that parent to work while leaving the children at risk. I know that many school dropouts and others are unprepared to do much of anything of

salvaged with a government - guaranteed job. But there are millions of cases where government can hire people damn the cries of "make work"! - to the benefit of society, plus the selfesteem of the worker

value and cannot be

and the rest of his or her family. Such jobs probably would reduce substantially the divorce and desertion rates and slow or halt what has been a steady deterioration of the

American family.

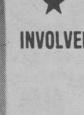
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