

“Find My Daddy” by the children of Reginald Hodge



(AUSTIN, TX) - This past Father's Day, the leader of your family and the best father, son, grandson, partner, and relative that every family prays for was missing.

Six months ago, on Thursday, February 24, 2022 is a day we, the loved ones of Reginald Hodge, will always remember because that morning he was shot and killed by a lowlife coward with a gun. The schools had a late start that day and Reggie was getting the children ready for school which was a normal routine for him. He wanted to instill good qualities and life skills in his children so he made sure they were up and ready to go on time. The tenant downstairs came up and banged on his door and yelled obscenities through the door to complain about the kids making noise.

The man then hid back in apartment 1101 and closed the door. Since then,, this murderer has been allowed by APD to go free and kill some more. And he has not been prosecuted by the District Attorney's office. Yes, there are dangerous murderer amongst us.

Reggie was a good and kind person who was always ready to help anyone in need. He was a good father to his five children and he worked very hard to provide for them.

Every morning, Reggie would secure the children, including his school aged cousins, in his Suburban and take them to school. His cousin Kay, aged 8, said Reggie would always encourage her to feel good about herself. He would tell her not to worry and that everything would be alright. He would tell

happy and secure.

There were times when Reggie would treat the kids to pizza and juice boxes. That was a special time for them. Reggie also made sure their birthdays were special for each of his child. He would throw parties and make sure everyone attending had a great time that they would always remember. He put in a lot of planning and work to make sure these parties were a lot of fun. I'll never forget Reggie grilling shish kabobs at the park. He said the next time he did it would be in his own backyard and he was working toward reaching the goal of owning a home.

This past Father's day, Delia aged 8, said he wanted to eat pizza with her Daddy, so that's what we did. At his graveside.



The tenant directly downstairs in 1101 then began to have a physical confrontation with Reggie's live-in partner. Reggie went downstairs to break up the confrontation. As he was approaching the bottom of the stairs, a man came out of 1101 and fired a shot at Reggie which struck Reggie in his ab-

domen. Little cousin Kyron, aged 5, remembered Reggie telling him to “Give him some dap” (or fist bump) and told him to have a good day. Delia, Kayla, and Asia said he would give them all big hugs and his well-known warmhearted smile. Then off to school they would go, feeling

Reggie was a great father and he worked hard so that his children could have everything that they needed. Although he is not with us this Father's Day, we have precious memories that we shared and will cherish until we see you again. We love and miss you so much.

-Love Your Kiddos



League of Women Voters of Texas Responds to SCOTUS Overturning Roe v. Wade and Texas Trigger Law



LWV Texas President Joyce LeBombard (pictured middle) with LWV Houston members Annie Johnson Benifield (president) and Nancy Kral.

(AUSTIN, TX) – On June 24, 2022, all abortion clinics in Texas stopped providing abortion services. This will have devastating consequences for Texas women.

The United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization on June 24, 2022. In this opinion, the Court overturned almost 50 years of precedent going back to its seminal decision in Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that found that women have a constitutional right to abortion. As a result of the Dobbs opinion, there is no longer a recognized federal constitutional right to an abortion. Women's rights will be determined by their state legislatures.

During the last Texas legislative session, a so-called “trigger law” was enacted which bans abortions in Texas if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade.

This ban becomes effective 30 days after the issuance of a Supreme Court decision overruling Roe. There are no exceptions for pregnancies that result from rape or incest. There is an exception if the physician determines that the woman has a life-threatening physical condition that places her at risk of death or substantial impairment of a major bodily function.

However, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued an advisory that prosecutors could immediately pursue prosecutions based upon Texas law that pre-dated the 1973 Roe decision. As a result of questions regarding when an abortion ban would become effective, abortion funds and providers have paused their operations.

“The League of Women Voters of Texas strongly supports women's access to comprehensive reproductive health services, including

safe, legal abortions. The Dobbs opinion is an affront to the dignity of women and their ability to make their own decisions regarding their bodies and their futures. This decision puts the health of millions of women in danger, and it creates a hardship on women who do not have the financial means to travel out of Texas for abortion services,” explained Joyce LeBombard, president of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

The League of Women Voters has been advocating for reproductive justice for forty years. The League of Women Voters of the United States provided this statement on June 24, 2022.

The Texas League will continue to fight for both state and federal legislation that protects women's liberties and their right of self-determination as to their reproductive choices, including abortion access.

Planned Parenthood president says organization will continue to provide abortion care: ‘We won’t back down’

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President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Alexis McGill Johnson the Women's March Foundation's National Day Of Action! (Photo by Sarah Morris/Getty Images)



(theGrio) - The implications of the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade are being felt across the country as abortion is now banned in at least seven states, with potentially a dozen more to come. But the mantra at this moment from Planned Parenthood – the nation's largest and most visible abortion care provider – is to continue to

“fight.”

The high court's ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson now allows states to freely set their own laws on whether to restrict, ban, or expand abortion services. A previous survey conducted by Planned Parenthood found that the Supreme Court's undoing of Roe, making abortion no longer a constitutional right, is expected to impact as many as 36 mil-

lion women.

Alexis McGill Johnson, president of Planned Parenthood, told theGrio that her worry isn't just about the impact of trigger laws banning abortion in states like Missouri and Oklahoma, but also how it will “embolden” new states to “move quickly in their state legislatures to pass anti-abortion regulations and restrictions.