

ABC's Robin Roberts Needs Transplant

TV host says her sister is a perfect match

(AP) — Five years after being treated for breast cancer, "Good Morning America" co-host Robin Roberts has a new health fight on her hands.

Roberts said Monday she is beginning chemotherapy treatment for myelodysplastic syndrome, or MDS, a blood and bone marrow disease once known as preleukemia. She is expected to get a bone marrow transplant sometime this fall.

Her older sister, Sally Ann Roberts, an anchor for WWL-TV in New Orleans, is considered a perfect match to donate marrow and said she will do so.

"My doctors tell me I'm going to beat this, and I know it's true," Roberts, 51, said on the show Monday.

Sally Ann Roberts said she's thankful she has marrow her sister can use and that she can assist in her treatment.

"I'm just so very grateful that I did match her because there are many, many people right now who are dying for a match and have no one in their family who are eligible," Sally Ann Roberts said.

She said her family is now en-



Good Morning America host Robin Roberts (center), with her sister Sally-Ann Roberts (right) and ABC News' Diane Sawyer on GMA Monday, after Robin Roberts announced she has been diagnosed with a blood and bone marrow disease. She will undergo chemo and a bone marrow transplant later this year.

couraging everyone to sign up to be donors.

"The wonderful thing about being a donor is that it takes so very little," Sally Ann Roberts said. "I will go through a physical and when ... the doctors deem it's time, I will be prepared with some injections to separate the marrow from the blood, then simply go through something

like dialysis. I may miss a week of work, if that much."

Roberts also hopes that attention paid to her diagnosis will encourage people to donate bone marrow that might help someone else with the disease.

She developed MDS as a result of her breast cancer treatment — a manner of transmission so un-

usual it affects only a few hundred people per year, said Dr. Richard Besser, ABC's medical correspondent.

Roberts has contributed to "Good Morning America" since 1995, and was named co-anchor in 2005. The former Southeastern Louisiana basketball star worked at ESPN for 15 years.

Privatization Raises Alcohol Prices

(AP) - Savvy shoppers from Washington state regularly flock to Oregon because it lacks a sales tax. Now, anecdotal evidence suggests they are being joined by drinkers searching for cheaper alcohol.

Oregon liquor stores near the state line report an uptick in business from Washington residents who say they're paying more

for spirits, not less, since the privatization of the state-run sales system took effect June 1.

Washington voters approved Initiative 1183 last fall, taking the state out of the liquor business for the first time since Prohibition. The measure allows stores larger than 10,000 square feet and smaller stores in some areas

to sell liquor.

Supporters touted the measure as a free-market reform that would give consumers more choices and lower prices.

However, the initiative also imposed an additional 10 percent distributor fee and 17 percent retail fee on spirits to reimburse the state for millions of dollars in lost revenue. The result was higher prices for consumers at many retail outlets.

Week in The Review

Shooter's Wife Arrested



The wife of Trayvon Martin shooter George Zimmerman was arrested on Tuesday, charged with perjury in connection with her testimony during her husband's bond hearing. Shellie Zimmerman, 25, and her husband are accused of misleading the court about their finances in order to receive a lower bail bond.

Attack Helicopters to Syria

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said on Tuesday that Russia is sending a shipment of attack helicopters to Syria, warning that the conflict there could escalate without a regime change. Russia and China have refused to cooperate in attempts to help end the 15-month conflict that has left more than 13,000 Syrians dead.

Witness Describes Rape

Penn State assistant coach Mike McQueary, a key prosecution witness in the trial of fellow football coach Jerry Sandusky, testified Tuesday that he saw Sandusky raping a young boy in the showers. Some of the alleged victims in the sexual abuse case testified earlier.



Fatal Crash on Columbia

The driver of a van died after his vehicle crashed into a propane truck Monday morning on Columbia Boulevard at Peninsular. His identity was being withheld until notification of next of kin. The driver of the propane truck was injured.

Balloon Lands near I-205

A hot air balloon with 10 people landed safely in a grassy area west of I-205 near Oregon City Saturday morning after the



operator couldn't land safely at two other locations due to wind conditions. No one was injured and the balloon was deflated and removed from the area.

Light Rail Tax Proposed

Vancouver's City Council took public testimony Monday over a proposal to pay for light rail through downtown to Clark College by taxing businesses a set amount each month for each full-time employee. The so-called head-tax was alternative to plans to raise \$2.5 million annually to run and maintain a light-rail system in Vancouver.

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