

allabout... BY JAY BOBBIN ROBERTS

Robin René Roberts was born on Nov. 23, 1960, in Tuskegee, Ala., but was raised in Mississippi. With a pilot father who flew with the Tuskegee Airmen, she is the youngest of four siblings, one of whom is now-retired New Orleans news anchor Sally-Ann Roberts.

Robin was offered a basketball scholarship at Louisiana State University. She ultimately decided to attend Southwestern Louisiana University, she played basketball and ended her career there as the school's third top scorer and rebounder up to that time. Her jersey, No. 21, was retired in 2011.

Roberts' broadcasting career was sports-based from the start, with on-air jobs at two Mississippi television stations, and later work in Biloxi, Miss., and Atlanta. In the latter city, she also was a radio host.

In 1990, Roberts joined ESPN and became a "SportsCenter" host, also contributing to ABC's "Good Morning America" during her time at the cable sports network. She eventually became

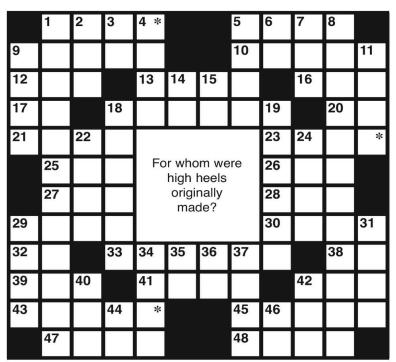


"GMA's" news anchor, then became co-anchor of the morning show while Diane Sawyer still was an anchor of it. Sawyer left in 2009 to become "ABC World News" anchor and was succeeded by George Stephanopoulos, who remains Roberts' main "GMA" hosting partner along with Michael Strahan.

Her "Good Morning America" role has brought Roberts many other opportunities at ABC. She regularly hosts specials related to country-music award shows, as well as the annual holiday-season special "The Year." Additionally, she has been involved in some of the network's Oscar preshows, and she has co-anchored special events such as royal weddings.

A member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (and also an honorary Harlem Globetrotter), Roberts has received honors including the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism and the Radio Television Digital News Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award





The solution to the question is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to discover this hidden solution, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

- 1. Sign of sleepiness
- 5. Young animal
- 9. Actress Zellweger
- 10. European nation
- 12. Past one's prime
- 13. Bouquet holder
- 16. President Arthur's monogram
- 17. Actor Molinaro
- 18. Goatees
- 20. Half of CCC
- 21. Bonehead
- 23. Fishing spot
- 25. Wine and dine
- 26. Diminish
- 27. __ down; make a note
- 28. Suffix for infant or project
- 29. Arrived
- 30. Bit of bacteria
- 32. Johnny Hart comic strip
- 33. Breakfast request
- 38. Prefix for place or print
- 39. __ out a living; get by
- 41. Final
- 42. Sinatra's third wife
- 43. Kingdom
- 45. Cherub
- 47. Heartburn chasers
- 48. Seamstress Betsy

DOWN

- 1. Colorful wasp (2)
- 2. Common conjunction
- 3. You and I

- 4. Actress Campbell
- 5. Committed perjury
- 6. __ least; minimally
- 7. Brit's raincoat
- 8. Seedy fruits
- 9. Highway
- 11. Ivy League school
- 14. Battery size
- 15. Jr.'s pop
- 18. __ out; evicted
- 19. Snow transport
- 22. Tragic fate
- 24. Competent
- 29. Trucker on a radio
- 31. Repast
- 34. Donation to a poor box
- 35. Actress Ming-__ Wen
- 36. TV's "This __ Us"
- 37. Little night light
- 40. Thirsty Parisian's need
- 42. British cars
- 44. Initials for Judy Garland's eldest
- 46. Refusal

Solution Men

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