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Oprah Winfrey's revelation on her show yesterday that she has a half-sister named **Patricia**, about whom she learned just last fall, wasn't news to Chicago media critic **Robert Feder** -- who broke the story last Saturday in his **Time Out Chicago** column (feder.blogs.chicago.timeout.com).

Under the headline, "Biographer: Oprah's 'family secret' is half-sister she never met before," Feder interviewed author **Kitty Kelley** ("Oprah: A Biography"), who told him that Winfrey's "miracle of all miracles" (Oprah's words) would be, as Feder wrote, "the half-sister who was placed for adoption as a baby." Kelley told Feder that Winfrey's mother, **Vernita Lee**, gave her daughter "Bunny" up for adoption "because she couldn't afford to take care of her."

Kelley heard this from an "inside family source," she told Feder. Well done.



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Jerry Springer has a point to make tonight when he speaks at The **Hudson Union Society's** shindig at The Russian Tea Room.

Jerry Springer, meanwhile, will be the guest speaker at **The Hudson Union Society** tonight at 7 at the **Russian Tea Room** (West 57th). It's described as an "Actor's Studio-type" conversation.

More talk shows: **Nate Berkus** tapes the 100th episode of "**The Nate Berkus Show**" today. The Oscar-themed show airs Friday, Feb. 25 (3 p.m./Ch. 4); "Berkus" premiered last September.

And **Justin Bieber** does double duty on "**Late Show with David Letterman**" next week -- he sits for an interview with **David Letterman** next Monday night, then presents the Top Ten List that Friday, Feb. 4 (11:35 p.m./Ch. 2).

"**Gold Rush: Alaska**" continues to pan out (sorry) for **Discovery Channel**.

Last Friday's season premiere snared 3.3 million viewers and topped all cable shows (basic and premium) in prime time in households, persons 25-54, persons 18-49 and around 46 other demos.

Its lead-in, "**Flying Wild Alaska**," averaged 2.4 million viewers.

Last, but not least:

* "Sex and the City" star **Kim Cattrall** talks about her "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" ad campaign at -- where else? -- **Butter Restaurant** (415 Lafayette St.) tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. . . . "Bachelor Pad" winner **David Good** will be at Village Pourhouse next Monday, Jan. 31 (7 p.m.) signing copies of his new book, "**The Man Code: A Woman's Guide to Cracking the Tough Guy**." He'll host a "Bachelor" viewing party at the Pourhouse following his book signing . . . **Joe Manganiello** ("True Blood") attended the **Producer's Guild Awards** in Beverly Hills over the weekend -- wearing a custom-made **Joseph Abboud** (two-button) suit. He presented the award for outstanding producer of a non-fiction TV series . . . Viewers of "**All My Children**," "**One Life to Live**" and "**General Hospital**" will get a first-ever sneak peek of their shows on **abc.com** each weekday in February (at 7 p.m.) . . . A belated Happy Birthday to **Ernest Borgnine**, who turned 94 yesterday. He's being honored this Sunday, Jan. 30, with the **SAG Lifetime Achievement Award**.

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