

Beyond Obama Care



U.S. Rep. John Conyers

Health activists renew push for single-payer

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The giant task of informing and then motivating the public to support single-payer health care is the focus of a conference scheduled for Saturday at Southwest Portland's First Unitarian Church. And the conference has a headliner: U.S. Rep John Conyers of Michigan.

Conyers, who has championed single-payer health

care at the national level for the past decade, will be in Portland to help local organizers create a strategy to combat the national discourse that denounces public funding of health care.

"What most people know about single-payer health care they learn from Glen Beck, and that's not helpful," says Samuel Metz, one of the conference organizers. "Singlepayer is not something you can easily get into a sound bite or onto a bumper sticker; it's about providing the same basic care and putting everyone into the same risk pool.

"Our goal is to develop a common way to speak to the

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Oprah Learns of Sister Born in 1963

She calls discovery 'miracle of all miracles'

(AP) -- Oprah Winfrey recently learned she has a halfsister — a Milwaukee woman who was put up for adoption by Winfrey's mother nearly 50 years ago.

On "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that aired Monday, a sometimes-emotional Winfrey introduced a woman she identified only as Patricia, explaining how the woman's



years-long search for her family culminated in a meeting with Winfrey on Thanksgiving Day of last year.

The discovery is "the miracle of all miracles," Winfrey told her audience.

Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey greets her half-sister Patricia on an episode of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show.' Winfrey said she was stunned to learn about the sibling, telling her audience that when Patricia was born

