

# Drawing widespread awareness

■ Southside cancer concerns attract national media interest.

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Elmira's abuzz about cancer and Southside High School. And soon, the community's concerns will hit the national scene.

Last week, Bob Davis, a reporter for the USA Today newspaper, visited Elmira. USA Today and the Star-Gazette are both owned by Gannett Co. Inc. Davis met with some Southside students and their families to discuss the state Department of Health's investigation of a perceived high rate of cancer

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among current and former students at Southside.

Davis said he will focus his story on the impact the cancer investigation has had on the community. The story is expected to be published within the next few weeks.

Davis learned of the community's possible cancer cluster from a fellow reporter who was covering the U.S. Senate race in New York. The colleague heard Democratic candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton mention the plight of cancer victims during her July 7 visit to Brand Park on Elmira's Southside.

Davis' story could be the first in a wave of interest from

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