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CNN highlights Toronto's stench

Toronto Mayor David Miller went toe-to-toe live via satellite with CNN host Ali Velshi, but was cut off while defending his city as a premiere tourist destination, despite the

city being ridiculed as "Stench In the City."

Miller's defence of the city was cut off in mid-sentence and CNN swears it was a technical glitch.

The city is finishing its second week without garbage collection due to a civic workers' strike.

Velshi, who himself grew up in Toronto and whose parents

reside there, began the interview with Miller by showing video of a few of Toronto's temporary dump sites overflowing with piles of garbage bags.

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BRINGING UP THE REAR: People walk through a giant colon at West Edmonton Mall on Thursday. The Giant Colon Tour is at the mall until Saturday to promote awareness of colorectal cancer.

Cancer display hits below the waist

Unusual symptoms below the waist often go unsaid at the clinic, but speaking up could save your life, says an Edmonton anal cancer sufferer.

For more than six months Gwen Elliott had blood in her stool and was too embarrassed to tell a physician.

After telling her doctor in April, the 47-year-old was diagnosed with anal cancer within a few weeks.

"People need to know that if there's something wrong, get

it checked out. Do not wait," Elliott said Thursday. She's currently undergoing chemotherapy for the rare cancer.

A 40-foot replica of a human colon is open for public tours until Saturday at West Edmonton Mall.

Officials from the Colorectal Cancer Association hope it will raise awareness about bowel cancers and encourage screenings.

Elliott toured the Giant Colon on Thursday and

thought it was a good way to inform the public.

The colon displays tumours on the inner walls of the large intestine, and polyps — growths with stalks — hanging from the walls.

When people walked up to the inflatable exhibit, near Chapters, for a closer look and realized what it was, a big smile was a common reaction.

"When you tell them they're walking through the anus, they get a big kick out of it,"

said association spokeswoman Gail Grief.

If caught early, 90% of colorectal cancers can be cured, she added.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Canada.

Cancers below the waist have been in the spotlight recently, after actress Farrah Fawcett, 62, died from anal cancer on June 25.

— Kristy Brownlee, 24 HOURS