

Georgetown couple praise crew of disabled cruise ship

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were going to get the system re-started," said Talbot. But that didn't happen and he said the crew soon announced they were terminating the cruise and tugboats would be out Tuesday to tow the boat back to land.

He said the tugboat Chihuahua arrived late Tuesday and started towing the ship. An aircraft carrier and cargo ship showed up, along with the coast guard, Mexican navy and other tugboats.

A navy helicopter flew in Pop Tarts, Spam and canned crabmeat and other goods.

Talbot said he didn't see any Spam, but the crew served up sandwiches, salads and fresh fruit, and there were long line-ups for the food. The passengers watched as the chopper lowered pallets of food onto the deck.

Talbot praised the Carnival crew for how it handled the situation.

"Carnival was fantastic throughout," he said.



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they kept the nearly 4,500 passengers well informed with ongoing announcements.

He said the power was off for three days until they got back to shore, but thankfully the toilets were working after about 12 hours.

Talbot, a part-time magician, was on the cruise for a convention. The convention continued on as best it

could, holding lectures, and even entertaining the passengers with some magic.

"Most people were good-natured. The crew was fantastic," he said.

The ship, pulled by six tugboats was towed to shore in San Diego Thursday morning.

Talbot said Carnival refunded their money for the cruise and given them a credit for another one.

The experience hasn't soured the couple on cruising and Talbot said they would probably take another cruise.

Two injured in accident

A 31-year-old Georgetown man was charged with careless driving after a collision at Fourth Line and 32 Sideroad about 3:50 p.m. Monday

Halton Police say the collision occurred when the man, who was driving northbound on Fourth Line, stopped at a stop sign at the intersection of 32 Sideroad, then pulled out, striking a vehicle driven eastbound on 32 Sideroad by an 18-year-old Acton woman.

Both drivers received serious injuries.

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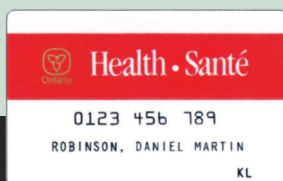
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