

## **History says life goes on, even now**

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We write this column in London, England, where we have been for the last two weeks.

Last Monday we traveled by train to Brighton, during which time we met up with James, a 73-year-old English gentleman. James pointed out several historic landmarks along the way, including an airport, which had just hosted an air show. He described the historic war planes that took flight once again and related stories of the war years. Although bombarded with non-stop air raids and waves of Hitler's propaganda, James exclaimed, "Hitler could not break our spirit!"

A radio aficionado, James told of the wonderful comedies that everyone enjoyed during those bleak years. I marveled at how anyone could find the strength to laugh at a time like that. He answered that life must go on.

The very next day, we were stunned to hear of the news flooding in from America of an incomprehensible horror. Writing this column is much more difficult after such an event. But, I remember James' words, and find a small sense of purpose in encouraging our community to stick together in the face of such devastation.

Art in the Barn coming up: The 27th annual Art in the Barn takes place this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, at Good Shepherd Hospital, 450 W. Highway 22 in Barrington. Admission is \$4, with children 12 and under free of charge.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 160 artists from across the country will show works featuring all media, including: painting, etchings, photography, jewelry, sculpture, stained and blown glass, pottery, fiber, wood and more.

Several Barrington artists have been invited to again be part of the show, including Peggy Britton, Gail Collier, Mary Jane Kirkwood, Donald Montgomery, Donald Murphy, Liz Smith, John Sternickle and Claire V. Wally.

Other talented residents will perform also, including Barrington Children's Choir, Barrington High School Collage, Barrington Suzuki Strings, and Bataille Academy of the Danse.

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