Lady in the Dark
by Mark Karvon

Equipped with a state of the art radar, 4 machine guns and 4 cannon, the P-61 Black Widow was as deadly as its namesake. On the night of August 15, 1945, Lee Kendall was flying “Lady In The Dark” on patrol. An unknown aircraft was acquired on radar and “Lady In The Dark” gave chase. Realizing her had been spotted, the pilot of the unknown aircraft attempted countermeasures and evasive maneuvers but to no avail. As the Black Widow closed in, the panicked pilot inadvertently flew his aircraft into the ground. Since Japan surrendered earlier that day, this action gave “Lady In The Dark” the final aerial victory of World War II. The wreckage of a Ki-44 Tojo was spotted the following day.

[Source: http://www.aviationarthangar.com/laindabymaka.html  Feb 2016 ++]

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**Battle of Okinawa** ➤ Machinato | Suicide Bomber

Japanese suicide bomber blows up next to a British aircraft carrier, in the waters off Ryukyu Islands, on May 4, 1945, during the Battle of Okinawa

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**D-Day** ➤ Fuel Stocks

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Ghosts of Time  ►  Then & Now’ Photos of WWII Sites (12)

Help!!!  ►  Things that might make you say it (08)

Interesting Ideas  ►  Plastic Bottle Cap Alternate Use

Cut the threaded portion of the bottle neck from the bottle, Push a plastic bag up through the removed bottle neck, fold the bag down over the neck, and twist on the lid. This seals the bag, making it air or water tight for storage! So useful for sealing bulk items in plastic bags.
Interesting Inventions ► Pocket Molecular Sensor

SCiO is a pocket molecular sensor. Shine its little light on your food (or really most anything) and it will send your smartphone data about what's in it. In the case of food, it can tell you about the quantity of calories, sugar, protein and other factors. It only really works on single objects, so while it could tell you the chemical makeup of each ingredient in a salad, it can’t tell you about the entire salad in one go. The sensor could be useful for dieters, amusing for amateur chemistry buffs and potentially life-saving for people with special dietary concerns, such as diabetics. The sensor itself costs $249, and you’ll need a smartphone app with a monthly subscription. Should be available in late 2016 [https://www.consumerphysics.com/myscio]

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Moments of US History ► Abandoned New York City Baby 1971

An abandoned baby sleeps peacefully in a drawer at the Los Angeles Police Station, 1971

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Most Creative Statues  ► Brussels, Belgium | Toppling Policeman

De Vaartkapoen

Parking  ► Revenge Tactic #15 Against Inconsiderate Parkers

Photos That Say it All  ► Nap Time
Apprentice boys pictured aboard the USS Olympia, the flagship of the Asiatic Squadron

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WWI in Photos 139 ► Equine Gas Mask

A German ammunition column, men and horses equipped with gas masks, pass through woods contaminated by gas in June of 1918.

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WWI Stills  ►  Bastogne supply drop

WWII Posters  ►  Know Your Place, Shut Your Face

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