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Ellis Island accepted its first new arrivals on New Year's Day 1892, when the steamship Nevada arrived with 124 passengers from Europe.

The first would-be immigrant to set foot on the island was Annie Moore, a teenager from County Cork, Ireland who had crossed the Atlantic with her 11 and 7-year-old brothers in route to reuniting with family in New York.



Hero of Alexandria, a first-century AD Greek engineer and mathematician, **invented the first coin-operated vending machine dispensing holy water**. The machine accepted a coin and then dispensed holy water. When the coin was deposited, it fell upon a pan attached to a lever. The lever opened a valve which let some water flow out

. Hero's holy water vending machines could be found in temples across the land, and allowed each member to receive an equal allotment of holy water without requiring the presence of the priest.

The first baby born in Maricopa was named- Maricopa

Dolphins are known widely as adorable, intelligent animals. What is not as widely known is that these crafty creatures were used by the U.S. and Soviet Union during the Vietnam War and the Cold War.

Both countries studied the creatures for their sonar capabilities, but also trained them to detect mines, bring equipment to divers, find lost equipment, and guard submarines amongst other nifty tricks.



Elvis made only one commercial in his life on November 6, 1954 for Southern Maid Donuts. This commercial was broadcast during the Louisiana Hayride.

Elvis sang the jingle: 'You can get 'em piping hot after four PM, you can get 'em piping hot. Southern Maid Donuts hit the spot, you can get 'em piping hot after four PM'. This commercial has never been released.

There's a town in Norway called Hell, and it freezes over every winter!

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. It was fashionable in Renaissance Florence to shave them off.

Cap'n Crunch's full name is Horatio Magellan Crunch.



View of The Annie Moore Memorial, statue of Annie Moore and her two Brothers in Cobh, Ireland.

Annie was the first immigrant to the United States to pass through the Ellis Island facility in New York Harbor from [County Cork, Ireland](#), aboard the [Guion Line steamship Nevada](#) on January 1, 1892.

Her brothers, Anthony and Philip, who journeyed with her, had just turned 15 and 12, respectively.

As the first person to pass inspection at the newly opened facility, she was presented with an [American \\$10 gold piece](#) from an American official.

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