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THE NAME ESPRESSO DERIVES FROM BOTH ESPRIMERE, WHICH IS ITALIAN FOR “PRESSED OUT” AND FROM THE FACT THAT COFFEE WAS INITIALLY SOLD TO COMMUTERS AS THEY BOARDED THE EXPRESS TRAIN IN MILAN.

THE CANNING PROCESS FOR HERRING WAS DEVELOPED IN SARDINIA, WHICH IS WHY CANNED HERRING ARE MORE COMMONLY CALLED SARDINES...

THE TERM “PAPARAZZI” COMES FROM FELLINI’S LA DOLCE VITA; IN THE FILM, MARCELLO MASTROIANNI WRITES A GOSSIP COLUMN AND WALTER SANTESO PLAYS HIS CO-WORKER, A TABLOID PHOTOGRAPHER WHOSE NAME IS PAPARAZZO.

THE ABBREVIATION FOR POUND IS “LB” BECAUSE IN ANCIENT ROME, THE VALUE OF A SACK OF COINS WAS DETERMINED BY WEIGHT. WEIGHT WAS MEASURED IN LIBRAS, AND THE LIBRA, IN RECORDS KEPT IN LATIN, WAS ABBREVIATED AS “LB”.

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“Ask the College Advisor” tables will be in both the MU and Gym

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