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A. Vincent van Gogh.

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A. Road cycling.

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A. *Manon des Sources*.

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A. To avoid association with the nearby nuclear power plant, where an apparently harmless uranium leak occurred this summer.

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A. He was accused of anti-Semitism after commenting on the relationship between the President's son, Jean Sarkozy, and his Jewish fiancé.

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A. The Piment d'Espelette, a small red pepper.

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A. Guy de Maupassant.

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