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Come on Oppie, let's go party

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Give me time to reason, give me time to think it through (July 9 to 15)

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| Rank | Article | Class | Views | Image | Notes/about |
|------|---|----------|-----------|-------|---|
| 1 | Huw Edwards | <u>©</u> | 2,240,811 | | This Welsh news reader for the BBC was revealed to be the man behind The Sun's allegations that a well-known BBC presenter had paid a 17-year old tens of thousands of British pounds for sexually explicit images, which they then allegedly used to fund their cocaine addiction. The police said that they found no evidence of criminal conduct. Edwards was suspended and was reported to be in hospital with depression. |
| 2 | Oppenheimer (film) | <u>©</u> | 1,629,598 | | Christopher Nolan's latest film, bound to get critics raving because of its production values and get their ears bleeding because of Nolan's obsession with terrible sound mixing. I'm likely going to watch it as a double feature. |
| 3 | J. Robert Oppenheimer | * | 1,580,213 | | You guessed it, the subject of #2. I don't have anything of note to say about him, so I'll let Harry S. Truman do the talking (https://twitter.com/hannahrosewoods/status/16324180537019 18726?lang=en). |
| 4 | Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One | <u>©</u> | 1,491,335 | | Secret agent Ethan Hunt returns for his seventh go in trying to save the world - with the threat this time being a rogue AI (a fairly relevant topic!) - while driving dangerously, jumping off incredibly high things, and wearing masks that downright turn him into other people. Only this time, as the "Part One" in the title makes clear, it's not a complete story so moviegoers will have to wait until next June to see |

| | | | | the conclusion - though in the movie's favor, it at least cuts at a reasonable point instead of doing like <i>Spider-Man:</i> Across the Spiderverse and closing in the middle of a scene. Delivering the same spy intrigue and unbelievable stunts of the previous movies, Dead Reckoning was acclaimed by critics and had a strong opening week earning over \$200 million worldwide, and it's bound to keep making money if last year's Top Gun: Maverick shows how much of a draw Tom Cruise remains. |
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| 5 | Sound of Freedom (film) | <u>©</u> | 1,439,425 | An action movie based (very, very loosely) on Timothy Ballard's (pictured) Operation Underground Railroad. It's gotten decent reviews and exceeded expectations at the box office, though it's attracted controversy over whether it promotes QAnon conspiracy theories (not helped by Ballard and star Jim Caviezel having publicly endorsed some of QAnon's more extreme beliefs). |
| 6 | Mission: Impossible (film series) | <u>©</u> | 1,013,011 | In 1996, Tom Cruise co-produced an adaptation of an old TV series about spies. It's still running strong nearly three decades later while providing many ways for Cruise to defy death, be it scaling a mountain with his bare hands, being thrown around cars in a freeway, climbing the tallest building in the world, hanging from a plane door as the thing takes off, a HALO jump in the middle of a storm and in the latest one (#4) using a motorcycle to jump off a huge cliff. |

| 7 | Chandrayaan- | • | 1,012,436 | | India launched one more lunar mission, expected to land in the Moon next month. |
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| 8 | <u>Facebook</u> | <u>®</u> | 987,743 | of for | Websites among Wikipedia's most viewed articles didn't seem like something that could still reappear. But Elon Musk just had to mishandle Twitter enough ^[1] for Meta Platforms to |
| 9 | <u>Instagram</u> | <u>©</u> | 979,774 | | retaliate with their equivalent Threads and bring plentiful views for the company's better known social networks. |
| 10 | Carlos Alcaraz | <u>©</u> | 941,375 | | Tennis grand slams have a tendency to bring in articles here, so in comes the current #1 in the ATP rankings as he reached the Wimbledon final. Considering the Spaniard won the match, expect even more views next week. |

| L. Note that this was before the baffling decision to drop both the name " <u>Twitter</u> " and | the |
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Out of the darkness, brighter than a thousand suns (July 16 to 22)

| Rank | Article | Class | Views | Image | Notes/about |
|------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|-------|--|
| 1 | J. Robert Oppenheimer | * | 4,921,587 | | Christopher Nolan tackled a biopic for the first time, and the result has the expected epic results with impeccable production values and an outstanding cast. Unfortunately, <i>Oppenheimer</i> also focuses less on the Manhattan Project, where physicist Julius Robert Oppenheimer helped develop the atomic bomb, than on the Oppenheimer security hearing where |
| 2 | Oppenheimer (film) | <u>®</u> | 4,779,203 | | the Congress tried to determine if he was a communist, making much of the three hour runtime (particularly once Trinity explodes by the two hour mark) be boring politics that can certainly drive viewers to wash it off by immediately following things with the diametrically opposed other big release of the week (#4). Still, it had an overall approval of audiences and reviewers and is expected to make much money, specially from IMAX screens. |
| 3 | Carlos Alcaraz | <u>©</u> | 2,781,884 | | At Wimbledon, this Spanish tennis player reminded us why he's the current leader of the ATP rankings by beating the living legend at #5 at just 20, his second Grand Slam while breaking a sequence since 2003 where only the same four guys won on the English lawn. |

| 4 | Barbie (film) | <u>©</u> | 2,609,472 | 3arbie | If you're seeing an unusual amount of people wearing pink, blame this movie that takes Mattel's famed doll and adds a satirical approach reminiscent of The Lego Movie, albeit in a way that is certainly not aimed at children (be it discussing the patriarchy or mentioning Barbie's below waist anatomy). Much praise was given to how Greta Gerwig made Barbie such a funny and subversive flick, and given being more recognizable while having lower content ratings compared to #2 it will certainly beat it at the box office, with the opening weekend alone nearly doubling the already impressive \$80 million of Oppenheimer (https://www.boxofficemojo.com/weekend/2023W29/?ref_=bo_hm_rw). |
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| 5 | <u>Novak</u> <u>Djokovic</u> | <u>®</u> | 1,697,593 | | After winning the first two Grand Slams of the year, 'Djoko' was stopped by #3 in the Wimbledon final, preventing him from both matching the 8 titles of Roger Federer and taking back the top of the ATP rankings. |
| 6 | Jane Birkin | • | 1,506,323 | Aone Birkin | Died this week aged 76. Birkin was a British actress and singer who was known for her romantic relationship with French musician and actor Serge Gainsbourg. She later acquired French citizenship and achieved a successful career in French cinema. |
| 7 | Tony Bennett | • | 1,466,736 | | One of the last-surviving jazz <u>crooners</u> of the 1950s and 60s, Bennett passed away from <u>Alzheimer's disease</u> this week at age 96. Bennett worked in the music industry for over 80 years, |

| | | | | during which time he earned 20 Grammys and sold more than 50 million records worldwide, his songs becoming part of the Great American Songbook. His family said that he kep singing till the end, the last song he ever sung being "Because of You". |
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| 8 | Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One | <u>©</u> | 1,407,946 | Tom Cruise complained that #1 would be taking IMAX screens away from his movie, the seventh in a series that has been running strong since 1996, but nonetheless was already shown holding tickets to both it and #4, wanting to support the film industry he so loves and like Ethan Hunt in the movie, is not dealing well with the threat of artificial intelligence. Dead Reckoning Part One was hailed as one of the best in the franchise and is nearing \$400 million worldwide, a great indicator that many can't wait for Part Two next June. |
| 9 | <u>Christopher</u> <u>Nolan</u> | * | 1,129,085 | The writer-director of #2, who has a pechant for creating incredible imager without computer graphics - which in the case of <i>Oppenheimer</i> included the climactic detonation! |
| 10 | Sound of Freedom (film) | <u>©</u> | 1,099,731 | Compared to #1, #4, and #8 this thrille is a much more modest deal, priced a only \$15 million when all the others have budgets in the nine digits. Yet it has kept itself steady at the box office never falling below third while already breaking the \$100 million mark. Mayb now its makers can find international distribution deals so overseas |

| | | moviegoers can find out if Sound of |
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| | | Freedom earned all this success. |

But nothing, I said nothing can take away these blues (July 23 to 29)

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|------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|-------|---|
| 1 | Sinéad O'Connor | B | 8,096,961 | | An Irish singer known primarily for making a Prince song her own, a distinctive shaved look, and tearing a picture of the Pope on Saturday Night Live. Last year was taxing for her once her son committed suicide at just 17, leading to an hospitalization due to depression, and now O'Connor herself has died at 56, leaving behind ten studio albums, three other children and a grandson. |
| 2 | J. Robert Oppenheimer | * | 6,073,436 | | Out of the universe A strange love is born Unholy union (https://genius.com/Iron- |
| 3 | Oppenheimer (film) | <u>B</u> | 5,767,988 | | maiden-brighter-than-a-thousand-suns-l yrics) Trinity reborn |
| 4 | Barbie (film) | <u>©</u> | 3,898,258 | | Pink, it's my new obsession Pink, it's not even a question |
| 5 | Cillian Murphy | * | 1,384,434 | | #2's portrayer, working with Christopher Nolan again, a collaboration dating back to the Scarecrow in Batman Begins and its sequels. Jokes were raised on how the marketing to #4 was all those highly visible pink things (http s://variety.com/2023/film/box-office/barb ie-marketing-campaign-explained-warn er-bros-1235677922/) while #3 simply revealed new pictures of Murphy looking very disheveled. |

| 6 | Lewis Strauss | • | 1,224,066 | The commissioner of the <u>U.S. Atomic</u> <u>Energy Commission</u> who would then lead the security hearing against #2, played in #3 by <u>Robert Downey Jr.</u> wearing heavy make-up. |
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| 7 | Margot Robbie | <u>®</u> | 1,303,351 | The star of #4 who, fun fact, is reportedly going to be co-starring alongside her Ken Ryan Gosling in another movie. |
| 8 | Greta Gerwig | © | 1,144,227 | Once this actress turned into writing-directing, the result were two Best Picture nominees, the semi-autobiographical <u>Lady Bird</u> and <u>an</u> adaptation of (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYa4vIMBNPE) <u>Little</u> <u>Women</u> . Now movie fans wonder if she'll again be an awards competitor for #4, given Gerwig and partner <u>Noah</u> Baumbach pulled a surprisingly smart movie out of Barbie dolls. |
| 9 | Katherine Oppenheimer | <u>®</u> | 1,050,908 | #2's wife, played in #3 by Emily Blunt (meaning that the German-American couple were portrayed by two actors from the British Isles, an Irishman and an Englishwoman). |
| 10 | Deaths in 2023 | (| 1,002,566 | For #1: All the flowers that you planted mama In the back yard All died when you went away |

Exclusions

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Most edited articles

For the June 24 – July 24 period, per this database report.

| Title | Revisions | Notes |
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| Legalism (Chinese philosophy) | 1909 | FourLights is really devoted in improving this article. |
| Wagner Group rebellion | 1844 | The fallout of a paramilitary group that used to support Putin deciding to mutiny against him for a day is yet to be concluded, with the Wagner Group leaving for Belarus, announcing they wouldn't fight again in Ukraine, and delivering heavy military equipment back to Russia, but are still training Belarusians and taking part in African conflicts. |
| Deaths in 2023 | 1783 | Our version of the obituary. Along with Tony Bennett and Jane Birkin, mentioned above, the period also had the departures of Alan Arkin and Coco Lee, who entered the last Traffic Report, plus among others writer Milan Kundera and hacker-turned-security consultant Kevin Mitnick. |
| Leonardo Torres Quevedo | 1449 | Still here a month later, a Spanish engineer with one dedicated editor trying to clean up his article. |
| Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny | 1410 | Indiana Jones came back to fight Nazis in 1969 accompanied by his goddaughter (whose portrayer will always earn this here writer's contempt for creating <i>Fleabag</i>), and the fifth movie has not been the same runaway success of its predecessors, splitting fans while only barely surpassing its enormous budget and the earnings of the lowest-grossing one. Still, here's to him (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVYFvL5S7nU). |
| 2023 Wimbledon Championships – Men's singles | 1149 | Novak Djokovic could have matched two records, Margaret Court's Grand Slam titles (24) and Roger Federer's Wimbledon ones (8), while taking back the top of the ATP rankings. But Carlos Alcaraz stood in the way and defeated him in the final. |
| Barbie (film) | 980 | For everyone who is having "Barbie Girl" stuck in their heads (even if the movie itself doesn't feature the song aside from a rap sampling it - like me, Mattel disapproves the song!), mind I remind that Aqua made this infinitely better track (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ls0WfopgR9k&pp=ygUOdHVybiBiYWNrIHRpbWU%3D)? |
| Bigg Boss OTT (Hindi season 2) | 862 | India started a new season of their version of <u>Big Brother</u> with celebrities. |

| 2023 Wimbledon Championships – Women's singles | 858 | Markéta Vondroušová, just two years after winning the Olympic silver, got her first Grand Slam title, defeating in the final Ons Jabeur, who also lost last year's Wimbledon final. |
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| Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance | 788 | An alliance of 24 Indian parties hoping to take down the current government in next year's elections. |
| Oppenheimer (film) | 762 | The Wolf of Wall Street peaked two hours in (https://www.youtube.co m/watch?v=aicfFxaYVyM) and still had one more hour to go. Another biopic went the same way, only this time the remaining running time is mostly talking. And did you know some editors were trying to delete Barbenheimer? (once the dust settles, they might try again!) |
| 2023 Championship League (ranking) | 742 | A snooker event held in Leicester and won by Shaun Murphy. |
| Killing of Nahel Merzouk | 705 | A 17 year old French of North African descent was shot at point blank in a suburb of Paris, the latest in a series of occurrences (this year alone there were three) of fatal shootings during a traffic stop in France, mostly happening to people of color. As an entry below shows, the death was a turning point for those against police brutality with implied racial profiling, not helped by the responsible policemen lying in their testimony. |
| Great Britain at the 2023 European Games | 695 | The third edition of the European Games were held in Poland, and Great Britain finished seventh with 49 medals. |
| Nahel Merzouk protests | 681 | The article is actually now Nahel Merzouk <i>riots</i> , showing that in comparison to <u>Black Lives Matter</u> across the ocean, the French escalated their protests in the 19 days after Merzouk's death in a violent way, leading to over €650 million in damages. |

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Likey the addition of a "most edited articles" chart. A nice new dimension to the Traffic Report, thanks. Randy Kryn (talk) 13:04, 4 August 2023 (UTC)

Agreed! —Ganesha811 (talk) 21:34, 5 August 2023 (UTC)

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