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Live Premier League Football
ESPN (HD), 5pm

Manchester United eased ominously to the top of the table with a 2-0 win at Stoke last Saturday. Sunderland have also had a decent start to the season, with Darren Bent's five goals propelling them into eighth place ahead of this evening's visit to Old Trafford (kick-off 5.30pm).

David Lean Night
BBC Four, 9pm

As well as a documentary *In Close Up with Jonathan Ross* (9pm), featuring contributions from the likes of Lord Attenborough and Alan Parker, and a screening of David Lean's *In Which We Serve* at 10.30pm (his collaboration with Noël Coward, see *Behind the Screen*, page 25), this tribute night to the great British director (above) concludes at 12.20am with *David Lean and his Dedicated Maniacs*, with interviews with crew members who worked on *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Doctor Zhivago*, for "the man who demanded perfection".

Sid! By Those Who Really Knew Him
Sky Arts 1 (HD1), 9pm

A no-nonsense account of the life of the Sex Pistols bassist Sid Vicious (aka John Ritchie), with his friend Alan Jones, the musicians Jah Wobble and David Vainan, his fellow Pistol Glen Matlock and others dispelling the notion of Sid Vicious as a "screaming moron", instead painting a portrait of him as a likeable, funny, if misguided, soul.

Some overstate the case — "You burned your eyes, he was so beautiful," coos the artist Caroline Coons, who was told by Sid: "I want to be the lead singer in an all-girl band". Affectionate as this is, it's actually rather sad — when asked where he'd like to be, Vicious dolefully remarks: "Under the ground". Be careful what you wish for.

David Blaine: Drowned Alive
E4, 9pm

The attention-seeking Blaine (*right*) tries to live in a water-filled acrylic sphere for seven days and nights in New York. New Yorkers have the right attitude to Blaine — they ignore him. For some reason we give him air time. Maybe for his next stunt he can dig a hole, climb into it, and not come out for a very long time.

