

Picks of the week

MONDAY 27 JULY

DOCUMENTARY

PANORAMA

BBC1, 8.30PM

The Trauma Industry. A timely probe into the £7 billion personal injury claims business fuelled by the "fashionable diagnosis" of Post-Traumatic Stress Order, nowadays often applied to minor traffic accidents or simply bullying at work. Reporter Allan Little's film provides alarming insights into the compensation culture and asks: can there really be more trauma in Britain than on the battlefields of Iraq or Afghanistan? Recommended.

DRAMA

THE STREET

BBC1, 9PM

In Afghanistan, TA soldier Private Nick Calshaw (Jonas Armstrong) calls his family but gets no reply. Later, his sister, Ellie (Kirstie Leigh Porter), replays the ansafone message. As he speaks, there are panicked shouts in the background, a baby starts to cry, and someone shouts, "Shoot her!" A huge explosion follows and then the line goes dead. The scene is set for an extraordinarily powerful piece of drama and one which proves that silences can so often speak louder than words.

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DISPATCHES

CHANNEL 4, 8PM

Bankrolling Mugabe. An investigation into how Robert Mugabe and the ZANU-PF party are still clinging on to power in Zimbabwe and the support they receive from businessmen who, according to opposition politicians in Zimbabwe, include well-known figures and companies based in the City of London.

SCIENCE

BANG GOES THE THEORY

BBC1, 7.30PM

A cheerful new series in which four young reporters devise ways of explaining new developments in technology. The first episode tackles gait recognition, how to fry an egg with a Bunsen burner and a piece of A4 paper, and asks: are genetically engineered lifeforms the answer to the energy crisis? **Mike Bradley**

SPORT

LIVE SWIMMING

BRITISH EUROSPO, 8AM

The World Aquatic Championships in Rome. Finals today include the men's 50m butterfly, an event in which Spain's Rafael Munoz set a new world record of 22.43secs at the Spanish Championships in April. The Championships also include diving, synchronized swimming and water polo. **Charlie Nutbrown**

* CHOICE

THE SCANDALOUS ADVENTURES OF LORD BYRON

CHANNEL 4, 9PM

In the first of two programmes, actor Rupert Everett follows in the footsteps of Byron, 200 years after the poet embarked on the journey which resulted in *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*. Despite Everett's obsession with Byron's sexual exploits – he keeps repeating "the hammams of Constantinople were a marbled paradise of sherbet and sodomy" – we do learn a great deal about the poet who had his "nose in the gutter and his head in the stars". **MB**



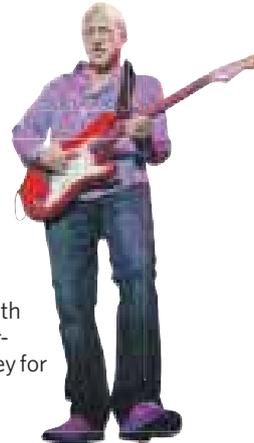
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* RADIO CHOICE

JOAN ARMATRADING'S FAVOURITE GUITARISTS

RADIO 4, 3.45PM

Despite their brevity, these 15-minute programmes manage to be quite in-depth, with Joan Armatrading discussing the finer points of guitar-playing with fellow musicians. Today, Dire Straits' Mark Knopfler (right) defines his finger-picking style as just "noodling around", before revealing how he wrote "Money for Nothing" while sitting in a kitchen showroom in New York. **Stephanie Billen**



A lord abroad: 200 years on, actor Rupert Everett follows in the footsteps of Lord Byron.

