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DVDs Out Tuesday January 17

My weekly DVD column got squeezed out of the Post this week -- too much space taken up by Golden Globes coverage. Here's the column I filed, which inevitably would have had one item cut and the others shortened even more.

The Mary Tyler Moore Show Complete Third Season

Fox

\$29.98

Unquestionably the best sitcom of all time, this is the season where "MTM" started firing on all cylinders – Ted gets a girlfriend, Rhoda loses weight, and Mary throws a disastrous dinner party. Every episode is quick-witted, smart, and rooted in characters we know so well a simple grunt from Lou can draw a big laugh. Now where's season four?

Junebug

Sony

\$26.96

Alessandro Nivola is worried he'll be embarrassed about where he came from when he and his art gallery owner wife Embeth Davidtz visit his family in the South. The surprise is that he becomes more embarrassed of her. Amy Adams scores as the pregnant, sweet wife of "The OC's" Ben McKensie. Extras include deleted scenes and commentary by the cast.

Mr. Show – The Complete Collection *** 1/2 HBO \$79.98 Still freaking out over the possibility that "Arrested Development" may soon be swimming with the fishes? Dive into "Mr. Show," the HBO

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