

This week's DVDs

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**Oliver Stone/
Wong Kar-Wai
Collections**

★★★½ each
Warner Bros./Kino;
\$129.92/\$99.95

Two major directors get their due. Stone's set bulges with 12 movies — including his masterpiece "Born on the Fourth of July" (1989) and the under-appreciated "U Turn" (1997). You also get many extras and a bonus disc with a glimpse of the upcoming "Alexander" and the 50 minute "Looking For Fidel" documentary. The fatally romantic Kar-Wai set holds five films, notably his 1994 U.S. breakthrough "Chungking Express."

Van Helsing

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Universal, \$29.98

Maybe Van Helsing should have burst into song? That's the only way Hugh Jackman could have rescued this would-be franchise about the famous monster hunter from its frantic, mechanical director, Stephen Sommers. In the extras you can explore Dracula's castle, the legend of Van Helsing, and more. It's all better than re-watching the movie.

**SpongeBob
SquarePants
2nd Season**

★★★
Paramount, \$49.99



Any parent "forced" to watch the delightfully nerdy

SpongeBob is soon laughing just as hard as their kids. The relative commercial success of "Garfield: The Movie" (Fox, \$29.98), however, remains a mystery best explored only the by the very young and hard-core fans of Bill Murray.

Secret Honor

★★★
Criterion, \$39.95

Director Robert Altman spent

most of the '80s struggling for funding. The result? Atypical but fascinating low-budget movies like "Streamers" (1983) and 1984's "Secret Honor." A bare-bones, one-man film, "Honor" stars Philip Baker Hall in a riveting performance as Richard Nixon. He stands alone, raging against the world, begging, pleading, cursing and explaining himself while taping his memoirs. Unforgettable.

**Arrested
Development Season
One/SCTV Volume 2**

★★★½ each
Fox/Shout; \$39.98/\$89.98

"Arrested Development" is the first sitcom to win the Emmy in its debut season since "Frasier" in '93. And no wonder: the episodes just get funnier and funnier the more you watch them, thanks to the droll Jason Bateman and a sterling cast. No one ever got the cult hit "SCTV," which happily labored in obscurity even as it left "Saturday Night Live" in the dust. This second volume contains the nine episodes from its fourth season.