



"HOW'S MY HAIR?"
Shandling (in 1986) let viewers in on the jokes.

• DVDs

One Brief Shandling Moment

HE TORE DOWN THE FOURTH WALL AND CHANGED SITCOMS FOREVER

FOR FOUR YEARS in the late 1980s, *It's Garry Shandling's Show*—now available in a complete-series DVD set—merrily detonated bombs beneath all known TV conventions. It looked like a standard comedy, but through each story Shandling turned and chatted with his audience, commenting on the action or asking how his hair looked. Walking to a friend's house, he'd stroll from his living room set, past the TV cameras and crew, to another living room set. Characters on the show knew what was going on in Shandling's



life because they'd been watching the story on their own TVs. "If you're in a bad mood about work," he chides a friend at a restaurant, "don't come in here and take it out on me and my audience. They've been here since 7:00 A.M.!" At which point the audience begins throwing dinner rolls at the offender. Watching these 72 episodes now, you begin to hope that somewhere someone is plotting a way to rescue TV from its plague of interchangeable bachelors, bachelorettes, and money-filled briefcases. —Bill Newcott

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Reach for Me Alfre Woodard portrays a nurse losing patience with her patient, played by Seymour Cassel.



Lovely Still Oscar winners Ellen Burstyn (Mary) and Martin Landau (Robert) find late-life love—with a bittersweet twist.



Certifiably Jonathan With celeb pals such as Robin Williams, left, Jonathan Winters sets out on a hilarious quest.



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New on Home Video

- **The Mary Tyler Moore Show: The Complete Fifth Season** (October 6) Mary, left, spends a night in jail...and Lou moves into Rhoda's old apartment.
- **Julie & Julia** (November) As Julia Child, Meryl Streep towers over a lovely telling of Julia's early days in Paris, and of the woman (Amy Adams) who decides to prepare every recipe in Julia's classic cookbook.
- **North by Northwest: 50th Anniversary Edition** (November 3) Hitchcock's classic gets a million-dollar high-def restoration; you can nearly see the hairs in Lincoln's nose.
- **An American Carol** (December 30) Kelsey Grammer, Leslie Nielsen, and Jon Voight star in David Zucker's (*Airplane!*) angry political comedy. —B.N.

