

OUT OF CONTROL

Cloris Leachman shocks Oprah, ex-cast mates



Cloris helped put the "Oh!" into Oprah at a recent taping



OPRAH WINFREY reunited the stars of Mary Tyler Moore's classic 1970s sitcom on her talk show – but one cast member's bizarre behavior created some embarrassing moments.

Mary, along with Valerie Harper, Betty White, Ed Asner, Gavin MacLeod, Georgia Engel and Cloris Leachman joined Oprah to reminisce about the hit show, 31 years after it went off the air.

Cloris was out of control, according to an insider who witnessed the taping.

"Cloris was wearing a wrap-dress with wide skirt, and she was facing the audience and opening her legs too wide," said the insider.

"Several times, Valerie pulled down Cloris' skirt and tucked it under her legs, but a few minutes later, Cloris would do it again!

"THEN CLORIS CLIMBED ONTO Ed's lap, and asked him to have sex with her! It was clear she was kidding, but it was so inappropriate, and Ed was clearly embarrassed."

Things went from bad to worse when the stars lined up with Oprah after the taping to pose for a picture.

"Cloris turned to Oprah and asked, 'Would you mind stepping out of the photo?'" revealed the insider.

"There was loud, momentary silence, and finally Mary said loudly to Cloris,

'Are you out of your mind? Oprah is the reason we're here!'"

But Oprah stepped away so the cast could be photographed without her.

Oprah's producers reconstructed two sets from the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" – Mary's apartment and the WJM newsroom – for the reunion show, which kicks off the release of the series' DVD boxed set.

Mary Tyler Moore described the show's seven-year run as a sort of "Camelot" for her and the other cast members. The reunion show was taped on April 29, but it isn't scheduled to air until May 19. Tune in to see if Oprah edits out Cloris' antics.

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Cloris Leachman (circled) with Mary Tyler Moore and Valerie Harper